

We don't know how old Saul was when he began to reign. There is no error in there. There is simply an omission at the end of the line. But it does show us that the original MSS tho they have been preserved probably better than anything else from antiquity have been == have not been preserved with absolute accuracy. That is an ~~en~~escapable fact. As I explained to you the reason I am quite sure is that God allowed just enough errors to come in to give us a warning to ~~xxxx~~ compare Scripture with Scripture and not to build too much on any one verse.

Now then it does the original MSS, not any present MSS. Tho present MSS are very very accurate, there are places where errors have come in but there are very few.

Inerrancy is not tied to any one translation. This statement that the AV of 1611 is the very Word of God is absurd. The AV of 1611 was an excellent translation of the Word of God but it is not itself the Word of God. It is a translation of it, because by the very nature of languages it is impossible to make an exact translation of anything from one language into another. Almost any sentence in any language has a variety of possible meanings. The variety may not be great but there is variety, and you must have content to make the understanding of the sentence more precise. The possibility of the Heb. and the possibilities in English, in fact the possibilities between any two languages will differ.

You all laughed this morning when I told of the man who looked out the window ~~and said "Look out" when someone said,~~ "Look out." It's pretty hard to translate that idea. Something like be careful, get out of the way. Every lang. has these idioms. It is very important we recognize that only usage can determine the meaning of words. It is the way a word is used in a language that determines its meaning.

One hundred years ago (perhaps 200) if in English they wanted to refer to what we now call science they used the word philosophy. If they wanted to refer to what we today call philosophy they used the word science. The two words have just exactly reversed meanings in the last few hundred years. The same is true of the words "ghost" and "spirit." In Job he said I saw a spirit before me, and it tells of the terror of the man who thought there was a ghost there. In the NT when it refers to the HS it uses the word "ghost." That was correct in the usage of the time of King James. But words change meanings. We read in Heb. 11 that Abraham lived in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob. Someone may think he carried on a constant evangelistic campaign -- he lived in tabernacles. Of course the Greek there is simply tents. In the ~~MS~~ NSRB it is changed to tents. Out word tabernacle has taken on a special use now which it did not have in King James' times. It was proper then but it's not a proper translation. So if we're going to know exactly what it means we have to see the possibility of the original ~~MS~~ language.

This being the case, why is it important we believe in inerrancy. It is not important for our salvation. One can be saved