

tried the third time, and it said, What thou doest do quickly!

The Bible is not a set of beautiful words, that can be taken out of context. The Bible is a presentation of tremendous ideas and as a presentation of tremendous ideas we have to examine each sentence, to note exactly what it means and we have to compare Scripture with Scripture to find out exactly what it is.

We have to get as near as we can to the original text in the original language in which it was written. Dr. R. D. Wilson told me one time he was speaking somewhere, and he said we can depend upon the Bible. When I've found what seems to be an error in the Bible, I've found that on every examination the error disappears. He said, No one knows enough to prove the Bible in error, on any point.

After one such talk someone came up to him and spoke of of a certain interpretation he'd given and said, Look here in the KJV that is contradicted by this colon here. Dr. Wilson said, Yes, but there is no colon in the original. The man hesitated and looked at him and said, I guess you're right, but that was an awfully dear colon to me.!

There is great value in simply quoting the words of the English translation. Sometimes people have learned these words and they have been in their minds, and years later they have come to them and the Lord has used them to lead them to salvation. It is a wonderful thing to hear a group recite in unison those beautiful words of the KJV.

But I think that more important by far than that is to know what the Bible means. In the years between 1516 and 1611 man after man, group after group set themselves to the job of trying to present the Bible in English, trying to make a translation. The last of those made during that period was the KJV. A great service was rendered to the Christian world by this tremendous effort in making a translation.

The result was that in the lang. of Shakespeare, the lang. of that time the English language was more beautiful than it ever has been since. It has been a great treasure of the English speaking world, and that has been a tremendous blessing. But in a way I think the fact it was so good was a bad thing.

Because with that wonderful blessing of having that translating ~~of the Bible~~ at that time when English was so much superior to what it has ever been since, the result was we stuck to that translation long after so many many words, phrases, and uses of our language had so changed that at point after point we repeat beautiful words without having any idea of what they mean.

Somebody sent me a paper not long ago which had an article by a man who had heard Dr. R. D. Wilson and he quotes his statement: No one knows enough to prove an error in the Bible. Then he put in parenthesis, he meant=the KJV! Anyone who knew Dr. Wilson as I knew him intimately would know what a ridiculous thing that was to suggest he thought the KJV was without error.