

against the Bible. I don't know whether he was saved or lost. I don't know whether he had only a little pious language or whether he was truly a saved man. If he was a saved man he will regret his life spent for the devil instead of for the Lord.

May God enable us to prepare our people to meet what they have to meet in these days and enable us to meet the difficult challenge to reach out and accomplish what He desires.

I had thought of having a period of questions. I think most of you would rather I would stop now. Mr. Taylor would you lead us in a hymn and allow those who are tired a chance to leave and then we will take a few minutes for those of you who have questions and want to stay on.

(Stand and sang Holy the Fort.)

Question: In view of your advocacy of a translation which really communicates to people what practical suggestions could you give for shifting since there would be opposition to this and we'd like to know how to handle it.

It's difficult. I'm not sure I can give practical advice like that. Because it depends on situations. But I would think that occasionally in your Scripture reading when you come to something --- I would suggest you take a version such as NIV and read your Scripture passage ahead of the service in it watching the KJV. Then as you find a verse which as you read it in KJV is not very clear but the NIV brings it out, then as you read the Scripture say this verse is a little difficult to understand. But the way it is in the NIV brings out the meaning. I would think that sort of thing would awaken your people to realize they were not getting a full understanding. That is if you have considerable opposition.

You have to judge how strong in the feeling in your church against using the beautiful words in the KJV. I know when the RSV came out which has that awful unbelief but was a beautiful translation. And there was a minister who had been preaching unbelief. His people had had so much of it I'm sure they didn't know much about the Christian teaching. But when he switched to the RSV \_\_\_\_\_ those people were so used to the KJV \_\_\_\_\_ I think you have to judge the situation. I would not get the people confused too much with quoting the Hebrew and Greek--that sort of thing, and discussing little points of deciding, but to bring out where it is clearly done and then I think you would gradually overcome. Then also it would give you a chance to see if the people get the idea.

If necessary it would be better to lose a half a dozen devoted saints who would not be here many more years than to fail to get the truth across to a much larger group of young people. I hope it could be handled in a way that you would not have to \_\_\_\_\_. But I don't think young people today profit from reading language they don't understand. No matter how beautiful and the NIV is beautiful on the whole.