discension.

Student: It's causing an awful lot of discension in many churches.

It's an unfortunate situation we face. I feel the Christian church is at fault in not having gotten something like the NIV out 100 years ago, because even then KJV was quite archaic. but then the majority were reading it, but today the vast majority don't understand it.

Student: Many translations we have today don't even ask which one. You know?

Question: You say you worked on Isaiah? I like the NIV but one place that disturbs me is how they translate sheol as grave so many times when I really don't think it's that. I'mnot a scholar but I don't Why is it?

I agree with you. Because one of the finest Christians and best scholars that I know who was a member of the NIV central committee was convinced that that word means "the grave." And I don't think it makes sense myself. It nowhere says anywhere that anybody digs to sheol. That is nowhere said. When you say the grave you mean the general abode of the departed. But that is not what it means. So personally would rather they would transliterate it as sheel. I don't say that everything in it is perfect at all, but it certainly isn't in the KJV either!

Student: That's the only problem I found in it.

I found some other things in it too. I think the Bible today's mp people need. I found out years ago I was tremendously surprised when I got a book written the same time KJV was in a subject I was greatly interested in and started toread it. I t was in KJV language and I was amazed how often I just did not know what a sentence meant. I found I wasn't excited enough about getting the meaning of it and I didn't read the thing. to look **ix** up the meaning I realized then what young people who have/been hearing this beautiful langauge all theri lives not but come to the Lord would have found the same thing.

Our Father we thankyou for your word, that it is true. We thank you you have given us the responsibility of bringing your word to the people that need it so much. Bringing the message of salvation, and of bringing to those who are saved the message of how to grow in grace. Give us wisdom in the many difficult problems of these days that we may truly accomplish what you desire. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.