

I got a letter not long ago from a S.S. teacher in Ohio and he said they asked us in S.S. to look at several modern versions and to compare them with the KJV and see which gave us the truth of God the best. I think most of us when we read a good translation in today's English find it easier to understand than we find it to understand the language of 300 years ago. But this man was puzzled by it. He said, I have a class of Junior boys. He said, when I told the boys about this they said well then what is the Bible? Is it the KJV or is it one of these (modern) versions? He said, I want to have these boys have a clear understanding that this is the Word of God and not get confused about it. Well, people never had the KJV until 300 years ago. God's Word has led people all through the years.

I wrote to him and tried to explain to him something about the nature of languages. Something about the reasons why it is good to have translations in the language of today. I said, Those boys, those juniors will probably take anything you tell them and say that is God's truth, we accept it. But I said when they get a little older older and get into high school, or when they begin college they will take anything you say and say we don't believe it unless you can give us proof. If you give them oversimplified ideas today you are preparing them for being confused and possibly turning against Christianity in later days.

I think God wants us to learn to know exactly what the facts are. So I wrote this man a letter. Then one of the men at BTS where I teach near Philadelphia asked me if he could have a copy of that letter. He wanted to print it in our Bulletin. It occupies two large pages in the middle of that Bulletin. It just occurred to me that some of you might be interested in reading that letter, so Mr. Conderer has been kind enough to put out on the table at the two doors some little slips that he gave me that ask for a free subscription to our Bulletin. Now if you'd be interested in the article you might simply sign one of those slips and Mr. Conderer will send me the names and we will send you that issue. that I think you might be interested in because I believe God wants us to have clear understanding on this matter.

The Word of God is what He gave originally and a translation is not exact. No translation can be exact. But even in any translation if it is honestly made, you can get as much truth as anyone can digest, if you will compare Scripture with Scripture anyone can find out how to be saved, how to come to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation in any translation which has been honestly made. There are a number of translations distributed that have been honestly made. There are a couple that have been widely distributed that are very good so long as nothing important is being discussed! But when they come to discuss the things of salvation, when they discuss the deity of Christ, these two widely distributed translations simply put in things that are not in the Hebrew at all.

Thus when it says in Ps. 2 "trust the Son" ((Kiss the Son)) --it calls on us to put our faith in Christ and it calls Him the Son way back there in the second Psalm. RSV says "kiss his feet."