

is a very weak instrument for conveying the thoughts of God. We need to study the verses carefully and check them with other sections of the Scripture. We need to compare Scripture with Scripture. We need to recognize that when something is taught in a section where textual criticism raises questions or where there is doubt as to the correct preservation, we must look to other passages to gain certainty.

Some parts of God's Word are meant to give the truth that is especially needed in particular periods. They may be difficult to understand at other times. God opens our minds to understand what He wants us to know.

Now there is one more miracle to mention. The miracle of causing that the words of the Bible should be eminently translatable. It is the boast of the Mohammedans that the Koran cannot be translated; in fact until recent centuries it was forbidden to make any translation of the Koran into another language. It is beautiful classical Arabic, but it is very difficult to translate.

The Bible has been translated into hundreds of languages, and in some of them it is a great literary classic.

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