

If one is to do work in this field that will redound to the glory of God it is particularly important that he be solidly grounded in the fact that God has spoken and that His Word is entirely true and free from error. We do ~~not~~ not ~~we~~ believe this because we think we can prove every sentence in it to be true but because we are followers of Jesus ~~the~~ Christ and this was the attitude which he declared and which he assumed in all of His utterances.

A second ~~point~~ point to consider--not as important as this one, and yet extremely important, is that we should always be ready to recognize ~~our~~ our own ~~fallibility~~ fallibility as interpreters ~~of~~ of ~~the~~ God's Word. It has always impressed me as extremely important to realize that God has not revealed all the facts of the universe to us. The Bible is given primarily to show us our lost condition and to tell us how we may be saved. God has presented the basic truths of salvation so clearly that a wayfaring man, though a fool, need ~~not~~ not err therein. When we get beyond the basic truths of salvation, and particularly when we get into side issues and questions that have little purpose other than to satisfy our curiosity, there is a tremendous range of possible interpretation.

It is my opinion that this is the reason why God has permitted a certain amount to have crept in in the course of transmission of His infallible Word. The Bible has been better preserved by far than any other book that has come down to us from ancient times, and yet enough error has ~~come~~ come in in transmission to warn us that we must not build a great deal on any one verse but must compare Scripture with Scripture.

Some people find comfort in taking the simple view that God ~~has~~ has preserved the present text of our Hebrew ~~the~~ Bible; some would even say the precise text from which our King James ~~Version~~ translation was made in a condition that is absolutely free from error. There is no such claim anywhere in the Scripture. It is original Scripture as given by God in the original autographs which were written in Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic that was entirely free from error.