

there are occasional differences at secondary points. On the great points of the Gospel we are thoroughly agreed. During these years we have spent many hours of many days working over every detail of the Scofield Bible, in order to see what can be done to make the third edition as fine as we can make it. Naturally there will be mistakes in it as there are in all human books. It is my belief that the new edition will result in enabling the Scofield Bible to continue its great service to the cause of Christ for many years to come. I wish you would pray that God will give us wisdom in the two remaining four-day sessions of the committee, and that He will lead us in order that the work may be exactly as He would have it to be.

I feel that I must say a word also about your references to the King James Version. We do not hold to the King James Version with any idea that it is inspired of the Lord. The inspired Bible was originally written in Hebrew and Greek. The King James Version is a very excellent translation of it into English, made by godly men in the light of the best knowledge available in their time. It was a very excellent version and has rightly stood as the Bible of the English-speaking world for three and one half centuries.

Now the English language has greatly changed and there are many points in the King James Bible at which it is difficult for the reader of today to understand just what is meant. It would be a wonderful thing if we had a Bible that was just as true to the original as the King James Version is, but written in the language that is spoken today, so that all of us could understand all of it. Various Bibles in modern speech have been published by godly Christian people. Not one of them is good enough to displace the King James Version, but all of them are helpful at many points, to give us a clearer understanding of the truth that the King James writers were trying to express in the language of their day.

We do not oppose the Revised Standard Version because it is different from the King James Version, but because it has departed at many places from the statements of the original languages, in order to give us renderings that do not fit with the great doctrines of the Scriptures.... I regret greatly the unbelief in the Revised Standard Version and feel it necessary that I do every thing I can to combat it. Until we have a really first-class version in the language of our own day, probably the best for us to do is