

something to say that it is so figurative that ~~x~~ everything in it is so figurative that you don't know what any of it means, in my opinion that is dealing wrongfully with the Word of God. It is taking what God has given us to ~~see~~ convey meanings to it, and to so interpreting it that we read our thought into it, instead of going to it humbly to see what it says and taking out of it the thought that we find there.

Well, in this case, this verse 18, at first sight a person may read these words and say, what on earth is the Lord talking about. How is Jer. made of iron or bronze. But ~~we~~ when we make the statement today that somebody is a man of iron, there is nothing vague or unfamiliar about what we are saying. We had a student one time, he was ~~p~~ up practically every night, almost all the night, and going about preaching and conducting services and singing here and there, and then attending his classes. ^And the way he went through the last ~~month~~ month of school, why somebody said, ~~why~~ why he is a man of iron. And nobody had any doubt what they meant. It meant that he was a man who doesn't have to take the ordinary rest that people do because he is so strong. And, then two nights before examination we found him wandering down in the park. And a policeman came in and asked me who he was, what kind of a person he was anyway, they were pretty suspicious of him. And the fact of the matter was that he had just gotten himself overtired, trying to do more than his constitution could stand, and I don't think he went ~~bad~~ bad, or anything like that, I don't think he went out of his mind. ⁺hey had no evidence that he had done anything wrong. But he just had been on the edge of cracking, and just went and wandered through the park at night and the policemen just didn't know what kind of a person he was. ~~Well,~~

Well, when any of us think that we are men of iron, we are probably deceived. But what we mean when we say that someone is a man of iron, we don't mean he is made of iron. It is a figure of speech, but is completely clear what it ^{is} is when we say it. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Figures of speech are not necessarily ~~be~~ vague. And this verse, here, is not vague at all. This verse does ~~mean~~ ^{not} mean, that when it says he is an iron pillar, ~~it means~~ that he has the strength of iron to