

people criticized him for it, they said the old translations are good, we don't want this new translation. They didn't like what he was doing and they said if you want to be a scholar, use the Hebrew and Greek and if you want to use our Bible, use the one that was translated 300 years ago. But it was such a good translation, that within a few decades it won its way and now the humorous thing is that the Roman Catholic Church takes the Bible for the language of the common people, The Vulgate, and says it is the authoritative Bible, and makes it the authority instead of the Hebrew and Greek which it was translated from. It was a very very excellent translation, but only a translation. You will find that the Roman Catholic Church insists on a lot of things that are very unreasonable. Do not feel too smug about it because when you get any group of human beings together you will find that some of their ideas are pretty sure to be unreasonable. It is very, very ~~xx~~ easy for us to take a stand which may be very reasonable and then as time goes on, circumstances change and this particular stand no longer fits the situation and we insist on this stand because it was adopted in previous times. I think the Roman Catholic church insists on far more that is illogical but there are various protestant groups who also insist on some unreasonable ideas. We should not claim for our present translation that it will not bear, we should know that our present manuscripts are not 100% accurate as to the original and I think that God did it that way a purpose as a valuable safeguard in view of the nature of life, that we should not put our stress on one sentence or one phrase but on what is the teaching of the book and what does the book actually present to us and yet on the other hand we should remember the other side of it that while our present manuscripts are not 100% accurate, they have been most marvelously preserved. Their preservation is one of the marvels of history, it is not 100% accurate but it is many more times more accurate than probably any other ancient book which has been handed down by being copied and recopied. It is a marvelous thing how very very accurate our text of the Bible is, even though not 100% accurate. It is a different thing altogether from inspiration, inspiration refers to the original manuscript, but God in His providence has preserved the text very remarkably accurate. He has, in His providence caused that it should be preserved and maintained - a correct text which has comparatively little variation from the original. His providential transmission of the text is a fact that we should know and stand upon. It is a fact that is easily proved, it is a