

good example

Over here, all this is friends.

Well, you can't translate exactly. The words simply don't exactly correspond. Some people say what's the use of my studying Greek or Hebrew, far greater minds than mine have made translations, I couldn't make a translation half as good as they've made, why not just use the translation. Well they've missed the whole point of it. You may not make a translation anywhere near as good, but if you know just a little bit of the language, you know enough in some cases to see what the distinction between these words, or at least how different it is from ours, and you can't translate it exactly but you can look at it in the original and see just what it is and which of these distinctives it is in that language. So our English Bible in the strict sense of the word is not inspired. It is a wonderful translation of an inspired Bible. The King James Version is probably the best translation that ever was made of any book into any language, and if all of us were living 300 years ago we would understand it perfectly. Today many of its words simply don't mean anything to us, because our language has greatly changed ~~since~~ ~~by~~ 300 years, but it is a wonderful translation, wonderfully accurate, but it is only a translation. So when we say that the scripture is inspired we don't mean you can pick out three words of our English translation and say that is God's Word, that is a representation in English of God's Word and it may be a very good one, or they may be words that are very difficult to give in English. Well, then we go back to our Hebrew and our Greek which is translated in our English version, and we look at them as we have them today, and we say what do they say, now is that the inspired Bible? Well, it was not, Moses did not write down the copy of the Hebrew Bible that we have here. Paul did not write down the copy of the Greek Bible that we have here. Those were written down by them, free from error, absolutely reliable, infallible, and then somebody copied them. And the original copies wore out and disappeared, and then that copy was copied again and that copy