

Some commentaries even say: ~~THE~~ Is. 53:1, This is the prophet speaking - Who has believed the report we have given? But that's not what the Heb. says. The Heb. is very clear: "Who has believed what we have heard?" But that's not near as pretty English. The KJV has while keeping the meaning on the whole very accurate, has put it into beautiful English. That is the English of 300 yrs. ago. Beautiful English! It is a masterpiece of English style partly because of the ^{excellency} ~~EXCELLENCE~~ of the scholars who made it, but more particularly because they had Tyndale as a basis who was a great genius in translation and use of the English language, and because of the other trans-~~lations~~ lations that they were able to follow. They were able to pick from this one and that one at different phrases.

If we had more time than we do I would like to give a few illustrations from these previous versions and ^{see} ~~see~~ how by the change of a word, or the reverse of a phrase or something it makes it into beautiful, stately, flowing English. It was a beautiful piece of work, and it was very fine that for 200 years it ~~was~~ should be the Bible of the English speaking world. But today it's language is out of date. Those of us who like myself were brought up on it just love its phrases even when we don't understand it. But the young people of today are not brought up on it. They don't understand it; they need a Bible in their own language.

Some people think of the KJV as almost an idol. They feel that any diversion from it is dangerous. I would like to say to them that the ~~K~~V, though an excellent version, has its errors.