

suggest the same idea as the first one, and he would say, We have already seen that such a view is completely contrary to Scripture, so of course it is not taught here. Using this method as most commentators do on one point or another it is possible to rule out the testimony of dozens of Bible passages which carefully considered and studied might or might not lead to the conclusion that the writer abhors.

Closely allied to this is the danger of following guesses. In order to make a complete system we make guesses at certain points. But if we label ~~these~~ label these as guesses ~~and~~ there is no harm in making them. But if we insist this must be so we are falling into serious danger. ~~The~~ The Bible teaches that God kept the writers of the original MSS from error. There are those today who say that if God kept the writers of the original MSS from error, He must have kept the MSS correct through the ages. ~~The~~ The fact is that there are no two MSS today that exactly agree. ~~That~~ That there have never been ~~two~~ two different editions of the Greek NT that have exactly agreed. Such an exact agreement would be impossible in the nature of things. One could not copy a book as long as one of ~~as~~ as most of the Bible books without making errors and mistakes. God has caused that the Bible is a safe guide to everything ~~that~~ that is clearly taught in various passages. However, when one takes one passage, or when one takes uncertain guesses on certain passages and puts them together and then becomes dogmatic on the results there is great danger. People presuppose that God must have retained the Bible word for word. Then they say that Erasmus that enemy of Luther, that man who so opposed the Reformation but did a great deal of fine scholarly work, they say that ~~his~~ ~~was~~ that when he took a few MSS and made an ~~edition~~ edition which with some later changes came to be called the Textus Receptus, this must represent the original Bible! They talk about the Majority text, yet alas fine groups of Christians today who are making text clear and strong . . .