

A great problem in

God spoke to Abraham, to Noah, to Moses, to the prophets of the OT°. He spoke most of all through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Then he spoke through the apostles who wrote the books of the NT°. The supervision of the HS° these men wrote down the Word of God. Many ~~xx~~ steps are involved in bringing that/~~Word~~ ^{His Word} to us. In the firstplace there was the necessity of its preservation. It is impossible to copy a book of any ~~1~~ ¹ size by hand without making mistakes. It is rare that a printed book fails to contain errors. The other day I/~~received~~ ^{received} a ~~xiii~~ bill to pay a tax. The bill said that the \$10 ten dollar poll tax must be paid by a certain date. After a ~~xxxxx~~ There is a decrease After a certain date the full sum must be paid. Then after a certain date a ten percent 10% extra charge is added. This quite clear on the bill that I received, but on the bottom of it in big red letters a statement was stamped: "Taxes ^{not} are/due and payable." Well, I thought, if taxes are not due and payable, why should I pay it? Of course I realized that the printer had made a mistake and instead of saying, "now due and payable," had said, "not due and payable." In every copy of made there are some errors, and there ^{something} so when/~~something~~ is copied and copied and copied errors ~~xxx~~ tend to creep ~~xxx~~ in. The transmission of documents from one time to another is very difficult. God oversaw the transmission of the Bible so that the number of such errors that came in is smaller than of any other book that ever has been passed on. Yet there are such errors. I could easily point out a few errors in the OT° or in the NT°. However, all of these are either ~~é~~ relate to things matters of no importance or no rea-1 importance to us, such as the age of Saul when he became king, and the number of years Saul reigned. The latter is more important than the former, but there is no improving (?) it since the ~~of~~ of an eraly manuscript was broken off. We are told that many other kings, how old they were when they became king and how long they reigned. In the case of Saul both dates have been broken off out of the sentence. We do not know. But this does not detract in ~~xxx~~ the least from the great power of the Word of God/. God permitted