

American Standard Bible and the other the New International Version. More recently a third group has been working on a version to be issued by Thomas Nelson, Inc. I know that the intention of all three groups of consecrated Christians has been to be absolutely true to the Scripture and to its great doctrines, but to put it into the language of today, just as the makers of the King James Version attempted to put it into the language of their time.

The Latin translation of St Jerome was a great blessing to the people of his day as it gave them a dependable translation in the language they actually spoke. When the Bible was translated into English, Christianity took a big step forward because the people now had the Bible in the language that they themselves spoke. The King James Version was a very fine version for its day, but today the progress of the Gospel is greatly hampered by the fact that, apart from extensive research to determine what its various words and expressions meant nearly 400 years ago, nobody really understands what all its statements mean.

We live in a day when unbelief is spreading widely. If Satan can get us to obscure the Word of God by insisting that people read it in archaic language he is accomplishing one of his greatest victories. God's people need a Bible in the language they speak today.