

This is only an individual preference and I have never urged anyone else to do it. It impresses me as a rather wise course to follow, and I am somewhat pleased when others follow my example, but I have never suggested that they do so. It really does not make much difference. The Lord understands all languages and it makes little difference to Him whether we address him in Hebrew, in Greek, in Latin, in Old English as "thou" or in present day English as "you". What does matter is that we should not make a distinction between the way we address God the Father and the way we address God the Son, and thus seem to deny the deity of Christ. Both Dr McIntire and I feel very strongly that the Revised Standard Version made a terrible mistake at this point, and it is one of the reasons why neither of us feels that we can in any way support that particular version of the Bible.

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THE KING JAMES VERSION AND THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Ever since Satan entered into the Garden of Eden this world has been a mixture of what is right and what is wrong. No perfect man has ever lived except the Lord Jesus Christ, and no inerrant book has ever been written except the Bible. When I studied with Dr R. A. Torrey I was impressed on a number of occasions by hearing him say that he had always found it a mistake to put complete trust in any human being. He said that when he completely trusted any human being, sometimes that person failed him, but when he put his entire trust in the promises of God they never failed.