

picture of the thought God wants presented to us, it does not mean that you can pick three words out of the Bible anywhere and that you can take those and there's a truth, apart entirely from the content. Now the Christian church has never held that view (5 1/2)

The view of the Christian Church has been that the Bible is an (5 3/4) guide which the Lord has given us, and that it's not just some vague idea but that it's the actual words here, which present to us the ideas that God wants us to have, but that these words in their context, that they they must be interpreted in their content, but it's the ideas there contained, expressed by these words that are important, rather than that you can two or three words out of it, and of course it is lazy people using superficial approach to the Bible, who have all through the ages grabbed a few words out and made a motto of it, just as in Christian Endeavor they say, "May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another." And you take the context of Jacob and Laban's each of them threatening to terrifically injure the other and Laban thinks that Jacob has stolen these valuable things, and they put up this boundary stone between them and they say I stay this side and you stay that side and the Lord watch between us that we don't injure one another. It is about as unfitting for a benediction as anything could be in the context. We're simply taking words apart from the meaning all together, and using these words to express an idea entirely different from that which is in the context. It is a thing which is very commonly done. But it is not fair to blame on the Bible interpretations that are made, by grabbing a few words out of it.

We have to take words in context and often we get the meaning of the words not from a direct statement about them, but from a clear implication. Now in this situation here in this chapter, Jehoshaphat of Judah is there with Ahab, and