

know something about the Roman armour this doesn't mean a great deal to us. But with your loins girt about with truth suggests to one who used the Roman armour that the first thing he did was to put a belt around his hips, and then others things are fastened to this belt and this belt holds things together. It gives stability to it all. So he says Have your loins girt about with truth and truth is fundamental to the life of the Christian. Think things through. Get at them accurately. Get at the real center of things, and see what the situation truly is. Get that which is dependable. All is worthless if you do not have this, if you do not have that which ties it all together -- the truth, the fact that there is no hypocrisy, no insincerity and that there is not superficiality.

I remember Dr. Robt. Dick ^{Wilson} ~~Wilson~~ telling about a sermon he gave once where he drew certain truths from a Psalm and a man came up to him afterwards and he said, But Dr. Wilson, you can't interpret that verse that way. Look at this colon here. That isn't the idea of it at all." And Dr. Wilson explained to him that the colon was not in the original. And the man looked rather puzzled, and then he said, Well I guess you're right, but that was a very dear colon to me." Let us not make something superficial dear to us. Let us not make a misinterpretation dear to us. Let us see what the original is, let us see what the truth is and let us fasten our affection upon what God has given rather than upon something superficial even if it in itself be good. That is of course the difficulty with any translation, and that is the reason why though you can get the great central truth of the Scripture very clearly from the Bible, and anyone can, ^{yet} It is vital that we have a leadership in the church that is able to go to the original and see exactly what these words mean and not get a false idea but get the idea that truly is there. And that all our undertakings must be done in truth. And of course there is One who is the way the truth and the life. And unless it is done in Him, in Jesus Christ, in whose death we have life and in whose life we live and stand today, and in whose coming we look forward with such joy and anticipation apart from Him all the armour you can get is worth nothing. It must be united with truth, with sincerely, and above all with Him who is indeed the truth.

And so you have your loins girt about with truth, but you notice in the same verse the breastplate of righteousness. Because truth without righteousness soon ceases to be truth. I've been reading some books by a great Prof. of Philosophy - a very brilliant man. And in these books that he discusses philosophy I have found things that I thought simply gems