

on matters of doubtful interpretation. They are expressed ~~on~~ over and over. They are clearly stated. They are strongly emphasized. And I feel that one of the great harms in our Christian church is the fact that so many people take matters that are based upon a particular denominational, sectarian, interpretation of a certain word, or upon a ~~st~~ strong emphasis upon one verse taken by itself, or something which is not clearly taught in the Bible and make it a point of faith. I believe that it is ~~e~~ not only necessary we accept what the Bible says, but that we put our stress where the Bible puts its stress, and we put our emphasis proportionately to the emphasis that we find in the Bible.

But if we take these matters that are absolutely clear in the Bible if we take these things and just have them, there is a tremendous area of light life on which we might have to wait for 10 yrs. more of Bible study to have an answer. So you have to make models. We have to make theories, we have to make ideas. What seems to us to be probably the Biblical teaching, or what seems to us to fit into our observation of life and it is very important that we make a clear distinction between what is definitely taught, what we know, what seems highly probable, what seems most likely and what is a good guess, but perhaps one that seems to likely to us that we base a whole lot of our activities upon it. To clearly have in mind then these various levels.

Now here is a book that I like very much -- the New International Version. This is the translation of the Bible that attempts to be very accurate. It is its purpose also to have very good English style, to try to do something that will be a good style for our day as the King James English was for his in his day. Those are two ~~very~~ varied objectives that it is not easy to fulfill both of them. The NASB has taken only one objective. i.e. to be accurate, and it is very, very accurate. For a study Bible it is extremely valuable. Now this (the NIV) tries to be a good reading Bible, that will be ~~jsut~~ as accurate as possible. A very, very large