

the heathen. Anything that we put ahead of God and God's will can become an idol. Now there are some in our day, I am sorry to say, who make an idol out of the KJV of the Scripture. We Fundamentalists are often accused of being bibliomasters, Bible-worshippers. We are not. We believe that the Bible is a wonderful thing that God has given us as a guide. It teaches us how to worship Him and how to find His will. It is very important that we stand by that Book, by that Book as God gave it to the original writers as absolutely free from error, so that any ideas that are properly drawn from it are true and absolutely dependable. But we do not worship the Bible.

But I fear there are some who are ... to worship the KJV. Here is a lovely little booklet I came across -- "The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scriptures." It says on here, "Guard God's Holy Word the Bible is being undermined." And that is true. I myself have written leaflets against modernists translations of the Bible, translations that do away with some of its important Christian teachings and especially with its teachings about Christ. But I find this statement in this little booklet: "We do not say that the KJV is infallible. There are changes that could be and should be profitably made. But we do say and with emphasis there are no errors found therein." And that is an utterly absurd statement. The KJV was made by human beings, and all human beings make errors. We find errors in the KJV.

The KJV has been said to be as fine a translation of any book as was ever made from one language into another. And that is so. It was a very very excellent translation into the language of 300 years ago, but it is a language which nobody speaks today. If I were to say to you as the KJV says: "Moreover brethren we do you to wit," you would wonder what I was talking about. But you probably all of you have read it in the KJV and I not even noticed it, because Paul says in 2 Cor. 8:1,