

But there is a third attitude: the attitude that says a few late manuscripts that Erasmus happened to have access to when he made the first printing of the Greek NT, and these few which were put by Erasmus into this and then new editions and a new edition and a new edition, and then finally 15 yrs. after the KJV was issued the printer of one of them ~~gaxx~~ in order to sell his new edition said in the ad, This is the version which is everywhere received and accepted. So they called it the Textus Receptus--the received text. The text which came out about 20 years after the KJV came out, and yet which is much nearer the KJV than it is to the earliest manuscripts we've had.

This printer's blurb is made into a symbol by some who simply want to stand for out of date language, language which was good 300 years ago, but today our language is different. God wants us to study His Word and see what it means. The devil wants us not to know what the Word means. You will find that if you don't study Hebrew or Greek, and you want to learn what the Bible means there are two things you can do:--or there is one thing, I should say, you should do. That is to study the Elizabethan dramatists and writers of 300 years ago. And after a few years you can learn just what words meant then, and then you will know what the Bible in the KJV meant.

But if somebody wants to know what the Word of God means, we need it in the language of today. Satan is trying to keep people from all things away from the Word of God. The word of God is a hammer that breaks the rock. The word of God is a fire. A fire in your bones, as Jeremiah said. Are you determined to learn what that Word teaches and to go out and present it to a world that needs it. Let us pray.

Our Father help us never to strain at gnats and swallow camels. Help us to put our emphasis where you put yours. Help us, our Father to study it carefully and see what it really means. And our Father we pray for eachone here that you will use us to lead souls souls to a knowledge of Jesus Christ; to bring your people into your kingdom; to be your instruments to spread the Word of God and to help people growin grace and in the knowledge of the Saviour. ~~We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.~~