

When the KJV came out the first few years there was an edition after edition that had mistakes in it. There was even the wicked Bible as they called it because they left out the word "not" in the 7th commandment and made it an order to do rather than a sin to avoid!

There was the Printer's Bible which instead of saying "princes have persecuted me without cause" said "printers have persecuted . . ." In the course of the years it has reached the point where I imagine our Bibles are freerer from typographic errors than any other book! today, but that's the result of efforts and efforts. In the preservation of the manuscripts there have been a few errors which have been perpetuated but very very few.

I believe we can say that when we say the books in the original were inerrant that God has continued in this way not that today we have the exact original but that God has kept the books so that if we compare the evidence we have, more evidence than for any other book ever written to compare manuscripts together, then if we take the best evidence we can get this way, we have -- we can say we have a Bible today from which no one interpreting it carefully will be led into error. That is to say, Every idea that can truly and properly be derived from our Bible today comparing the MSS we have and thinking of the problems of life, we have, is what God intends.

That is important because I don't think God calls ==caused that the books should simply meet the problems of their day; I believe that God in leading the authors of the book had in mind all the subsequent centuries. He had our day and our problems in mind. God did when David wrote the Psalms. When the book of Genesis was written. When the various books were written they were written to meet the needs of their day, but also to meet specific needs of a future time.

But in the copying of the MSS there have been errors that have come in and in a way those errors increase our certainty that we can depend upon the books. ~~AB~~ Because the scribes in copying the OT were so careful that when they found an obvious mistake in the MSS they were copying they did not correct it. They kept it the way it was. If they had felt free to make corrections, they certainly would have made some erroneous corrections. In fact any of us are apt to do that. But even when there was an obvious error, they just kept it and copied it that way. That increases our confidence in it.

Of course God has given us some marvellous evidences of the accuracy of the transmission. One of these is in the names of the kings. The Israelites in writing the names of the kings had of course a difficult problem. Because these kings had names in other languages that they were unfamiliar with. It is very difficult to get foreign names accurately. Then when the foreign names were written in an entirely different type of writing, often not an alphabetic type of writing at all, then to get them accurately that is a very very difficult thing. Yet now that we have discovered the