

cases has to be translated that way, I mean where it is used in the general sense. That word the Roman Catholics translate priest, and as a matter of fact, the English ~~word~~ word priest is derived from the word presbyter. The officials who were called presbyters in the early church continued to be called presbyter until the time came when in our western people, Latin and Germanic people, didn't know Greek very well, and they shortened the word and changed the pronunciations, instead of saying presbyters they said ~~priests~~ priests. And priest is a derivation from the word presbyter. But through the word priest the Roman Catholic church has given the meaning, which did, in fact, come to attach to it during the Middle Ages, had given the ~~meaning~~ meaning which is the proper meaning of the Greek word..... an entirely different word. Which is one who stands in the sanctuary offering sacrifices. A Jewish priest is a man who offers sacrifices, that is his difference from the Levite. A Levite performs ~~services~~ services in the temple, a priest offers sacrifices. And the church in the Middle Ages came to say priest as a pronunciation of the old word presbyter and when they came to think that the priest offered a sacrifice, the word came to be used to mean one who offers sacrifices. But in Greek we have two entirely different words. And Presbyter is more properly translated elder than priest.

Now this is a very important point about the govt. of the church, but it is more a matter of doctrine than govt., so we don't have to go into it too deeply here. But it is very important, and so we have to look at it.

Now the word ~~minister~~ pastor is a word which most immediately occurs to us ~~for~~ when we think of the church. It will be either pastor or minister, and I ask this question. How many times does the N.T. speak of an official in a ~~Christian~~ Christian church as a pastor. How many times is the word pastor used for an official in a Christian church in the King James Version. And how many Greek words does it translate. How many of you could give me the answer to that right now. One ~~instance~~ instance. There is one pastor in a church.....(end of record)