

Thus they treat the Scriptures, and many Christians are greatly troubled. They do not know what to believe. They are not sure whether they have a Bible or not. They cannot tell how big it is. What are we to do?

1. Remember these men are not infallible. They have not yet agreed among themselves; and even if they did, when they are most unanimous and most confident they may be furthest from the truth. A friend once told me of an incident which occurred in the Free Church Assembly, Scotland. Some supremely clever men were greatly interested in a speech made by a man from St. Heliers, Jersey. It was not his argument that interested them so much as his language. With that keen critical scent which distinguished them they were pointing out to each other this and that trace of the French idiom which was cropping up so noticeably in his phrases. This Frenchman's English was quite an interesting critical study. Alas! It was brought to an abrupt and ignominious conclusion when the person who overheard them told them that the speaker was no more a Frenchman than they were, but was born and brought up in Edinburgh. So when all the truth concerning the way in which the Old Testament Scriptures have attained their present form is known, the folly of those clever critics shall be made evident to all men.

2. Remember what God is doing with His word. What man is doing is very obtrusive. We cannot help noticing it. But we are apt to forget what

God is doing with it. He is watching over it. If He had not watched over it, do you think that we in this distant continent and in this far removed day would have been walking in its light? This book is the miracle of literature, and the explanation of the miracle is found in the fact that God watches over it. No book has been so hated and so badly treated. Often have men wished to exterminate it. Have they succeeded? Never were there so many copies in circulation. Never has it reached so far in its dissemination. Never was the form in which we have it so perfect. Never was unbelief in its claims more irrational. Every stone that is dug up in the East confirms it. "Nor has the widest learning and acutest ingenuity of skepticism ever pointed to one complete and demonstrable error of fact or doctrine, in the Old or New Testament.

Some of the precious seed has no doubt been dropped on the long route by which it has come to us, but that is as nothing. In bringing wheat from the North West across the Canadian Pacific Railway, to Montreal, no doubt some grains have been lost on the way, but these are as nothing compared with what has been stored in our elevators and has crossed the Atlantic in our ships. And so is it with God's word. All that has been lost in transcription or translation is as nothing. Why this wonder? God watches over it. Therefore there is no need to be troubled, no need for our hearts to tremble for the ark of the Lord. As the divine majesty asserted itself when the ark seemed to