

Psalm 119: 140.—Thy word is very pure; therefore thy servant loveth it.

Psalm 138: 2.—Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy names.

Jeremiah 23: 28.—He hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.

Habakkuk 2: 2.—Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.

Matthew 4: 4.—Man shall not live by eating bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matt. 5: 19.—Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven.

Acts 20: 20.—I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you.

Acts 20: 27.—I have not shunned to declare unto you the whole counsel of God.

2 Timothy 3: 16.—All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

Revelation 22: 18, 19.—For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And, if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from things which are written in this book.

Every false translation, either *takes from* or *adds to* the word of God. When such faults are unknown and unintended, after proper diligence has been exercised to discover it, guilt does not attach.—But when the fault is known and permitted, or when ignorance results in negligence, culpability is unavoidable.

In respect to the English Scriptures, the importance of a faithful revision is enhanced by numerous considerations, among which are the following:

1. The English is our mother tongue. The Apostles were commanded to begin at Jerusalem. While we are seeking to give pure versions to the heathen, we should have primary regard to our own countrymen.

2. It is not improbable that the English language will prevail among more than half the population of the globe.

3. The nations who use this language are the most enterprising in the world, and the most influential.

4. Pure religion in its forms, its doctrines, and its practices, is more prevalent among them than with other nations, and from this springs a holy missionary spirit, so that under God the world mainly depends for the maintenance and propagation of true Christianity upon those who use the English Scriptures.

5. The character of a version among the heathen is very largely influenced by that of English. Most evangelical missionaries follow the rule, which, Rev. Francis Mason states, guided him in the