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IMPROVING SCRIPTURE

Modern bible versions are supposed to be an improvement over the true Word of God - the King James Bible. What Spurgeon wrote more than one hundred years ago is still pertinent. He said, "Our reverence for the Great Author of Scripture should forbid all mauling of His words. No alteration of Scripture can...be an improvement. The gentlemen who see errors in Scripture may think themselves competent to amend the language of the Lord of hosts; but we who believe God, and accept the very words He uses, may not make so presumptuous an attempt..." What arrogance it is for mere mortals to presume they can improve the very Words of God!

GOD'S WORD IS THE LAST WORD

Decisions in the U.S. Supreme Court are rendered on Monday mornings. The bailiff calls for order and the decisions are read. All anyone can do is listen. There is no appeal. No one is allowed to say anything - how much more so concerning God's pronouncements in His Word. Habakkuk 2:20 says, "**The Lord is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.**" You had better listen to God! In Romans 3:19 it says that the Law was given "**that every mouth may be stopped.**" While it is sad that the ungodly heed not His pronouncements, it is even more tragic that many Christians go on day after day ignoring His Word, even disobeying it.

WHAT WE NEED MOST

What America needs more than railroad extension, Western irrigation, a low tariff, a bigger cotton crop, is a revival of religion. The kind that father and mother used to have. A religion that counted it good business to take time for family worship each morning right in the middle of wheat harvest. A religion that prompted them to quit work a half hour earlier on Wednesday so that the whole family could get ready to go to Prayer Meeting. -From the *Wall Street Journal* (obviously, many years ago). I believe it's too late for a national revival (it became too late for Israel). But any believer or any Fundamental Church can have it. Do we want it? I am afraid most Christians are satisfied.

FINDING OPPORTUNITY

Someone has said that the reason a lot of people cannot find opportunity is that it goes around disguised as hard work. I think it was Thomas Edison who said, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." There is plenty to do in the Lord's work - what we need is workers. Jesus said, "**The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.**" ~*Luke 10:2*. What are you doing in Christ's work?