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STRENGTHEN THE THINGS WHICH REMAIN.

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The title is from Revelation 3:2. Many things need strengthening, but I want to speak of the Bible, the Word of God. That's the foundation! We can't strengthen the Bible itself; it has God's power behind it. But we can strengthen our conviction concerning it. We can strengthen our proclamation of it. It seems the voice of true Bible believers is growing weaker and weaker. One reason is the adoption of modern versions. We need to strengthen our commitment to the pure, unadulterated, inspired, *preserved* Word of God, the KJV. We're not ashamed of it, in spite of what the scholars say. Let me give a few reasons for our stand on the KJV; God's Holy Word.

I. THERE MUST BE FINAL AUTHORITY SOMEWHERE! You cannot find it in modern versions for they are all different. We have proved in these pages and in our book on the subject, that all modern versions contain error. My friend, we must have "THUS SAITH THE LORD!" Not thus saith Westcott and Hort; not thus saith the scholars, not even Christian ones. Only the KJV is without error and can be traced to the original manuscripts. Modern versions are like Napoleon's sword; the handle was full of gold and precious jewels but the blade was essentially made of tin, worthless in battle. We have been born again of "**...incorruptible seed...**"

II. IT IS A MATTER OF FAITH. I'm not talking about "blind" faith." Faith is not blind; it has its eyes open! One of the supposed benefits of modern versions is that everyone will be able to understand them. What nonsense! The unbelieving can not understand God's Word (I Cor. 2:14). Scholars have destroyed much truth trying to reduce God's Word to the level of human reason. Do you believe in inspiration? - That God has given us His infallible, inerrant Word? That's a matter of faith (see Heb. 11:6). I believe it! That inspired, infallible, inerrant Word tells me that God will preserve His Word for ever! See Psalm 12:6,7; Isa.40:8; Luke 21:33; etc. I believe that! I don't have all the answers, but I believe God. *Inspiration without preservation is meaningless.*

III. MODERN VERSIONS REEK OF MODERNISM. It was modernists who produced the first modern version in England (The Revised Version, orchestrated by Westcott and Hort) and America (the American Standard Version, essentially the same as the RV). Most Fundamentalists rejected them! But with passing generations (as is usually the case) Bible believers have weakened and "scholarship" has taken over in many Fundamental circles (like BJU, etc.) Humanism is very pervasive. Few are willing to "**contend for the faith.**" They want to be with the majority, even though the majority is wrong. I want to be with God; the true majority!

IV. MY PERSONAL TESTIMONY. I was saved at the age of twenty five. I knew nothing of the Word of God. I grew up in a liberal church, never hearing the Gospel. I never went to Church after age fifteen. I became very worldly and sinful. Nobody witnessed to me, but through certain circumstances (I was not looking for God) I began reading the Bible...the KJV. In spite of all the *archaic words and other supposed difficulties*, I was gloriously saved by the "**incorruptible seed of the Word of God...**" I believed it was the very Word of God then, and I believe it even more so today! I have my infallible authority - the KJV! -*From 1994 Challenge*