

Perpetuity of the Divine Testimony

“I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.” (Psalm 145. 1-4)

Novel translations of the Bible have never been more popular and profitable. Bible study aids, “helps” (both printed on paper and electronically etched in plastic for computers) abound and proliferate, seemingly endlessly.

One might think all this is a boon, a heavenly blessing, a precursor and cause of a great Spiritual Awakening. But alas! Instead of the glorious light they are touted to bring to the saints, the unity a clearer and more numerous publication of God’s word should bring, spiritual life and sound doctrine seems to continue to decline. No small amount of this general spiritual decline is the grievous, intemperate, and inflammatory wrangling and debate about which is the best and worst translation. Incredibly, some persist that God has given us one absolutely

infallible translation (in only one language, of course) and all the others are satanic frauds. The reason for this view is that God wants us to know the truth about Him and His word, and any defect in translations would effect a loss of the knowledge of God, His word and His works.

Now that is an amazing theory, considering that the true knowledge of God, His works, and His ways were known for most of the history of the race. The word of God preceded a printed Bible for millenniums, during which time, some of the finest of saints lived.

The truth of the matter is, God never intended for people to find out about Him, to know Him, His will and His works by reading books which were compiled, composed and printed by men who are in business to make a profit by selling them.

At least seventeen times in the twenty one verses of this Psalm, we are told how successive people learn about God, his wonderful works and His glorious ways. It is not by reading books and tracts or installing and using electronic clap-trap on computers. They learn about God from people who know Him, and have experienced Him. And they learn from God’s personal supernatural dealings with them.

In fact, were every copy of every Bible of any and all translations were gathered and burned, and every preacher and Bible teacher in the world killed, the word and testimony of God would not be lost. God’s called and separated elect people, the *ekklesia*, the saints are the pillar and ground of truth. The word and testimony of God would continue to flourish the way it always has: from mouth to mouth. Every child of God will praise Him. They cannot be silent about God. He will be praised, adored and loved from one generation to another.

- C. M.