

THE BIBLE

(This is what Charles H Spurgeon said about the Bible that God uses—King James A. V. 1611.)

The approved method of the present carnival of unbelief is not to reject the Bible altogether but to raise doubts as to portions of it, and questions as to the uniform inspiration of it as a whole.

If the Book be not infallible, where shall we find infallibility? We have given up the Pope, for he has blundered often and terribly; hut we shall not set up instead of him a horde of popelings fresh from college. Are these correctors of Scriptures infallible? Is it certain that our Bibles are not right, but that the critics must be so? Now, Farmer Smith, when you have read your Bible, and have enjoyed its precious promises, you will have tomorrow morning, to go down the street to ask the scholarly man at the parsonage whether this portion of the Scripture belongs to the inspired part of the Word or whether it is of dubious authority. ...We shall gradually be so bedoubted and be criticized that only a few of the most profound will know what is Bible and what is not, and they will dictate to the rest of us. I have no more faith in their mercy than in their accuracy. ...And we are fully assured that our **old English** version of the Scriptures is sufficient for plain men for all purposes of life, salvation, and goodness. We do not despise learning, but we will never say of culture or criticism, "These be thy gods, O Israel."

Strange that there should be men so vile as to use the penknife of Jehoiakim to cut out passages of the Word, because they are unpalatable. O ye who dislike certain portions of Holy Writ, rest assured that your taste is corrupt, and that God will not stay your little opinion.

The tendency to alter the Word of God is human

The desire to alter the Word of God is dangerous.

The act of altering the Word of God is sinful.

The desire to alter the Word of God is weakness.

The ambition to alter the Word of God is Pharisaic.

The craving to alter the Word of God is accursed.

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