

I want to read a little bit from the Scripture this evening. I would like to read a little chapter which is one of my favorite chapters. I am going to read only the last part, though I hate to miss any of it: the first chapter of I Peter, and I love that chapter. But the thing I want to emphasize in the chapter is the last three words. So I am going to start in with verse 18:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory. That your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which lives and abides for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth for ever, and this is the word which by the gospel has been preached unto you."

It seems to me that almost every new discovery we make in archaeology is a new illustration of these last few words,- "All flesh is as grass and all the glory of man as the flower of grass: the grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away, but the word of the Lord endureth for ever." You know, human ideas, human systems opposed to the word of God, they are like the grass. We build up these wonderful systems, and it seems as if the word of God is going to be forgotten in comparison with this wonderful