

I'm going to go back to the word of God and look at it and see if I have been misunderstanding it. Let's be sure that I'm getting what's really there and not reading something into it. It's very easy for us to take superficial ideas of the Word of God. Simply to read things into it and then to say this is what God's Word teaches. And then a tremendous emphasis is brought that something else is a fact and we are left out on a limb. And we are proven false on that point and people think the Word of God has been proven false when it wasn't God's Word at all that was proven false, but it was our misinterpretation of the Word.

It is very very easy to misinterpret anything, and it is vital when we're handling something as important as the Word of God that we handle it carefully and exactly and accurately.

Up until 150 maybe 200 years ago there were very very few people who attacked the Word of God. People neglected the Word of God. People misinterpreted it. People attacked Christian truths, but the number who would look and say, Now the Word of God is false was very very few. In the whole of Christendom even when the Word of God was overlaid with superstition and idolatry and people ignored it, nevertheless if you asked them, Is the Bible the Word of God they would have said, Of course. It is, practically speaking, a new development within this last 100 - 150 that doubt of the Word of God has become widely disseminated, and it has become the most potent tool that Satan ever invented to keep people from being saved.

Now you can go out with people having little education and you can present to them in the simplest way the Word of God and you can bring them to a knowledge of the truth and you can say to them, Don't read anything that denies the Word of God; keep your mind on the truth. And you can do a good work for God. But if those people believe in the Word, if they trust it, if they follow it, in most cases they are going to rise in the economic scale in one or two generations. And in most cases they are going to want their children to have a better education than they had. In most cases nowadays those children are going to have presented to them in the strongest way denials of the Word of God. It is one of the great tragedies of the last 50 years, the number of godly Christian men desiring to serve the Lord and follow Him most truly, who have children who also to serve the Lord and follow Him truly and have those children's faith completely destroyed by the teachings they have received in colleges and theological seminaries.

Fifty yrs. ago if a student went to college to study engineering he learned how to build bridges or how to construct dynamos, other practical matters and he had practically nothing about the Word of God or literature or anything of the kind. But in the last 20-30 yrs. there is a very strong movement in education, that people should not know just engineering, just know these practical things. They must be well-rounded. They must have courses in the humanities, and most of our engineering schools now require courses in humanities. The course that they call the course in humanities in the cases I have come in contact with, and this is not a great many so it may be different in a great many from what I have come in contact with,