

WHO VALID ARE THE ATTACKS ON THE BIBLE?

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In Matt.24:35 the Lord says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my Word shall not pass away." How wonderful it is to know that we have God's Word ~~in~~ this Book. This book which is free from error, this book which is true, this book which gives us all the information that is needed to have lives that are worthwhile on this earth and to look forward to an eternity of joy with our Saviour. How wonderful it is!

I was asked to speak tonight on the subject, "How Valid are the Attacks on the Bible?" Satan is anxious to destroy the Bible. If he can't ~~keep it~~ destroy it, he's anxious to keep us from reading it. So there are attacks on the Bible from every conceivable direction. But these attacks are not valid.

In most cases where you hear a criticism of the Bible what you have to do, Let's see that; let's look at that in the Bible. And in at least half the cases where there is a criticism of the Bible, if you look at the exact passage you find that you have the answer to the criticism.

When I entered college quite a few years ago, I went to a college which a few years before I went there had been an outstanding Christian college and it was still serving God very widely. Today it is a college which stands quite solidly against the Word of God. At that time it was in a transition. Most of its students were from fine Christian families and were training for a life of accomplishment for the Lord. I went into a college in philosophy, and the first day in class, the professor said: "How many are there ~~where~~ who believe you can take the Bible literally?" I guess 9/10th of the class raised their hands. So he turned to someone and said, "Now we read in the OT that God brought the children of Israel into a land flowing with milk and honey. Do you believe there was milk and honey flowing through the streets? Oh, no he said. Well then you don't take the OT literally do you?"

So then he said, If you don't take the OT literally, perhaps there are some here that say, Yes but we take the NT literally. Well, how many are there here ~~who~~ would say that? By this time they were a little skeptical, and perhaps a third as many raised their hands. He picked one out and said, You take the NT literally? He answered, Yes. Well, the NT says that people came to Jesus from Herod to ask questions and Jesus said, Go tell that fox... He said, Do you think Herod was a four-footed beast? Oh, no, no. Well, now he had disposed of the Bible and now we would go ahead and build our interpretation of life on human reason because we didn't have to pay attention to the Bible! That is simply an example of what is done far more today than what was done in those days. To tear down faith in the Bible, and to lead people to trust in their own imagination instead of trusting in the Word of God.