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Now that is just what is going on more and more frequently. The heart of man does not desire to hear the truth, it would like to have some scientific evidence it could rely upon, to prove that there are errors in the Bible, that the story of the fall of man is only a myth, that the old doctrines of man's ruin by sin, his need of redemption, the work of Christ on the cross, the necessity of repentance, pardon, and the new birth are superceded by new "truths" in the "progress of the church." Of course all these men claim to have kept Christ, and tell us how only the cobwebs of tradition have been brushed away from the Word of God by modern criticism.

But man being what he is, and the Word of God being what it is, no man can reject one part of the Word of God and have real faith left in another part. If a man gives up the literal accuracy and truthfulness of the third of Genesis, he will give up the truthfulness of the third of John. He may not mean to do it, may imagine he has not done it, but God knows and Satan knows that when a man gives up his faith in a part of the Word, he is well started on the way to give up faith in the whole. It will never be the same book to him again. And it is doubtful whether a single young man comes out from the most of the theological schools with full faith in all the Word of God.

This is what characterizes the Protestant churches of the day, the giving up of the Bible as the inspired and inerrant Word of God. Of course

beautiful names are given to it. Satan is far too wise to let it go out under its true name. From the day he talked with Eve down to the present, he has been calling things by false name, and so all this progress in skepticism is labelled progress in the truth. I turn to that Word and it tells me that "they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." It is "myths" the very name they give to the story of the Fall, of Babel, of the Flood, and of Jonah. The very thing they imagine they have turned *from*, the Word says they have turned *to*.

But what stern realities confront the child of God in these days of departure from the faith. From those holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof the word is, "From these also turn away." (I quote from the Revised Version.) That is the message to every child of God who finds himself linked up with a cloak of profession covering the hideous form of worldliness and corruption. It is made by the Word of God the path of all His own to "turn away" from such a mockery of the true church of God.

For the teacher, the laborer, the servant, the word is, "I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, Who shall judge the quick and the dead, at His appearing and His kingdom; preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching." If apostacy characterizes the professing church to-day, zeal and earnestness should characterize those who have the Word of God, who hold it fast, and have not denied His name. Men are de-