

*ing aside the cross which gives him no place of recognition save that of judgment, to refuse the grace which has come for his relief, but which can only reach him on the ground of accomplished redemption and the acknowledgment on his part of the rights of God made good at the cross, as against all that he is, and all that he has done as a child of Adam, and a proper subject for the righteous judgment of God.*

*To so tone down the Bible to man's moral level, to do away with the cross which gives man no place save in judgment, and thus to enable the natural man to follow in the steps of Christ, seem to be the enemy's line of teaching to-day. This leaves room for man to evolve or develop up to a higher plane of humanity, as it has been lately put by one who favors higher criticism. This we believe to be the line of higher criticism which, by setting aside the creation and fall of man, and the redemption of God, leaves nothing for man to desire or attain, save the realization of the enemy's promised goal, and the climax of his own ambition, "ye shall be as gods".*

It is vain for higher critics to profess that it is a matter of indifference, as to the teaching of the Bible, whether the first eleven chapters of Genesis be considered a myth or a matter of history. It is indeed an insult to ordinary intelligence to say so; and, as the reader is aware, I have already demonstrated in connection with 1 Cor. 15:20:22, that it is a matter of the very gravest import which view is taken.

No Christian dare deny, and retain the name of Christian, that the birth, life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ are matters of history; and yet these events are mentioned side by side with those which recognize Adam, the fall, the entrance of sin and death. *Is the one set of events any less a matter of history than the other? Is there not equal; and the very highest authority for both as matters of history? And to what does the passage in 1 Cor. 15: 20: 22 refer, when speaking of Adam, the fall, the entrance of sin and death, if not to the historical account in Genesis? Just as the same passage refers to Christ, his death and resurrection, as matters of history, recorded by the Spirit of God through the evangelists.*