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today, out of those 100 seminaries who took that position then, if you could find 3 which today believe and teach that Jesus is God's Son and the Bible is free from error. I would not be surprised if you failed to find one of those 100 today which still stood by the Word of God. Such is the change that has taken place since 1900. Of the perhaps 500 colleges in this country which at 1900, or at least at 1890, taught that this Book is God's Word and trained young people to believe it and to follow it and from which many went out as foreign missionaries to carry the Word of God around the world and many went to seminaries and became ministers all over this country, of those 500 colleges which at that time stood true to the Word of God, I would be surprised if there are 10 which today would still in as much as one-third of their teachers be people who believe that this is God's Word and free from error. Such is the change which has swept across our country during this last 50 years, as modernism has swept and swept and gathered more and more force and taken over more and more of our educational system, more and more of our great denominations, gotten influence in our political organizations, gotten a control in our newspapers and our magazines such as it never had before. It is said of Dwight L. Moody, that toward the end of his life, he made the statement that he had seen a great change in his life, that when he was beginning his great evangelistic work he would go out and preach to people and everybody would say, "Yes, I know I ought to be saved. I know this is God's Word. I know it is true. I know this is the way of salvation." But they would put up spiritual objections and excuses. But he said at the end of his life, not only were they putting up the spiritual objections but many, many of them were saying, "How do we know this is God's Word? Aren't there mistakes in that book? Is it true that Jesus is God's Son?" Unbelief had begun to sweep across the country during the time when he was carrying on his great evangelistic task. In the last war, about 1944 I believe, there was a KKANKK chaplain put into inactive duty because they said he was too evangelistic. And there was a time when it was very difficult for our graduates from the seminary to get into the chaplaincy because the leaders of the chaplaincy felt that modernist and deniers of God's Word, were what were needed in the chaplaincy. At that time there were some of us who took a