

But today the proportion of ministers who are actually preaching the Word of God instead of tearing it to pieces is comparatively small. Why has this occurred? It has occurred because there have not been enough defending the Word of God. It has occurred because there have been many attacking the Word of God, and others who might have been defending it have been satisfied to say, Oh, that's all nonsense; that's not true. Let's just stand by God's Word. That's the attitude Christians should have --- stand by God's Word. Let God be true and every man a liar. If God's Word says one thing and all the scholars in the world say something different, I'm willing to wait until we get more evidence, because I know that in the end whatever God says will be proven true. But when I read something in the Word of God and then I find a great many intelligent people saying something different, I'm not going right away to say, Oh you folks are all wrong, I'm going to go back to the Word and look at it and see if I've been misunderstanding it. Let's be sure 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, just read things into it, and then say, This is what God's Word teaches. Then if tremendous evidence is brought that something else is the fact, we are left out on a limb. 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 misinterpreted anything, and it is vital when we are handling something as important as the Word of God that we handle it carefully, exactly, and accurately and be sure just what is said.

Up until about 200 yrs. ago there were very few people who attacked the Word of God. People neglected it; misinterpreted it. People attacked Christian truths. But the number who attacked and said 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 Word of God true? They would have said, Of course! It is practically speaking a new development in the past 150 yrs. that doubt of the Word of God has become widely disseminated and it is the most tool Satan ever invented to keep people from being saved.

You can go out with people having little education, and you can present to them in the simplest way the Word of God and bring them to the knowledge of the truth, and you can say, 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, and 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 ways denials of the Word of God. It is one of the great tragedies of the last 50 years, the number of ~~many~~ godly Christian men, desiring to serve the Lord and follow Him most truly, who have had children who also desired to serve the Lord and follow Him truly and those children have had their faith completely destroyed by the teaching they have received in colleges and in theological seminaries.