

the Word. But what happens? The devil comes and he plucks the Word away from us, he takes it away and we do not have it. And so we preach our simply liberal teaching, a simple ethics.

I remember reading how D. L. Moody's son, the son of that great, wonderful evangelist became president of a college up in Vermont. When I was in my teens I read about this — and a friend who was a great admirer of the Moody family gave me a copy of Moody's inaugural address as he became president of the college. And what he said to those students in the college was, the ideal education is the ideal which the old Persians had. It is the ideal to learn to shoot straight, to tell the truth and to ride well. And that is the ideal, the ideal the old Persians had. Christianity was gone; it was forgotten; it was laid aside. His father had done a great work to present the Gospel; he was interested in ethics, in social life. The devil had come and had plucked away the seed. But now with the seed gone we find the message is ineffectual. The churches begin to empty. Soon the work, there's nothing for, there's nothing happening. We need something with more energy, with more dynamic to it. And so we go back to the seed; but this time, the thorns spring up, and they choke the seed. No, no it would hurt our pride to go back to the old Fundamentalist view, to take the view that our fathers held, to believe that this Book is a supernatural Book, that it is actually true, that would hurt our pride. Let's keep the terminology but let's mean something that is very near to the Liberal teaching. That is more acceptable to human pride. The thorns have choked away the Word. And so we have the Neo-orthodoxy that is so phrased that it would deceive the very elect if that were possible.

Now just a word about the first of these again. The first is the Orthodox theology, the Fundamentalism. And now if you could just draw a clear line of separation, there are the Neo-orthodox, let them go on and do what they can. Here are the Liberals, let them go on. Here are the Fundamentalists, let them go on. Let's draw a clear line of separation: what would happen? Inside of 50 years the Neo-orthodoxy would die out. Inside of 30 years the Liberals would die; the Fundamentalism would grow and expand ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and go on because it is God's truth.

But the Fundamentalists have got in their hearts these same emotions that the Neo-orthodox have. The forms are there. And if there is anywhere that Satan is going to pick and pluck it is in the realm of those whom he fears because they can present the Gospel that will take people out of his domain. And so I picked up a so called evangelical magazine recently and one of its editors said we are going to have a conference which will be a conservative conference, but nobody there would call it Fundamentalist because Fundamentalism has become a theological swear word. How has Fundamentalism become a theological swear word? To stand on the foundation, to stand on the fundamentals — what could be better than that? But the reproach of Christ is something that our vain human pride does not want to take: and the minute a word becomes clearly identified as those who stand strictly for Him, well, let's push away from that, let's hold to the truth. Let's push away from that, let's not use that word, let's take a more general word for ourselves. And so of all sad things that I have seen in these last three years, to pick up this book called the Case for Orthodox Theology and find such statements as that which I read to you giving up the dependability of the Word of God, to find in this book that page after page after page of it runs down the character of those who stand for the Gospel; belittles them, ridicules them, speaks of them as if the Fundamentalist was just the lowest sort of a worm that there was.

The fundamentalist quest for souls is subtly interlarded with a quest for status in the cults; for the soul winner belongs to a new high-priestly caste. He can rise in prayer meeting and discourse on his accomplishments in the kingdom; Ordinary human kindness does not have this cash value. True, there is sin