

THE WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

We are told in the Word of God that in the close of the age perilous times should come and that wicked men would wax worse and worse. These times are upon us, and it does not require a prophet to discover the fact. But the truly perilous feature of the situation is the fact that the infidelity has very largely taken possession of our institutions of learning and the pulpits of the land, under the guise of superior intelligence and a deeper purpose to know the truth. This has led these so-called investigators to substitute human intelligence for divine wisdom, and the result is feeble and limited investigation for divine inspiration. Such are wolves in the clothing of sheep. Pretending to be teachers of the Word of God, they destroy the Word of God and substitute human speculations and philosophies in its place. Under the pretext of feeding the flock of God, they "steal and kill and destroy." There never was a time when there was greater need to take heed to ourselves and the doctrines of Christianity, and to the flock of God which God has placed under the care of His undershepherds.

Writing under the title named at the head of this article, Dr. H. C. Morrison, editor of the "Pentecostal Herald," has the following timely editorial:

"The dangerous wolf is the wolf within the fold. The skepticism that is undermining and destroying the faith of today is not that of the profane, avowed infidel, but the teachings of the professed Christian who claims to be a devout scholar, and who constantly gives utterance to teachings and philosopher entirely contrary to the Word of God.

"It is not worth while to try to hide from our faces the fact that we have such men in our pulpits and schools today. They make high claims to Christian life; they profess to be profound scholars; they would lead the people out of the wilderness of ignorance into the clear light of intellectualism. They pronounce all those who do not agree with their far-fetched philosophies utterly ignorant and incompetent for religious leadership. The most arrogant and dogmatic men in the world today are the destructive critics. They have much to say of liberty and freedom of thought and speech, but they claim all this liberty and freedom for themselves.

"For one, I can have no faith in the genuine piety of those men who would destroy the faith of their fellow-beings in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. Has the reading of the Bible proven hurtful to any generation? Has the close study and careful practice of the preaching of the Word of God degraded any nation? Has the civilization made progress in the world in proportion as people have been ignorant of the teachings of the Word of God, or have cast it away from them and lived contrary to its laws and precepts? Why this outcry of the "Modernist" against the inspiration of the Scriptures? What have they to offer us in place of the Bible? If we give up the Bible, and the Christ of the Bible, to what and to whom shall we go?

"St. Paul, in his second letter to the

Corinthians, makes a startling statement with reference to false prophets. It may be found in the 11th Chapter, beginning with the 13th verse, and reads as follows: 'For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.' We can but believe that Paul's description here is applicable to, and explains much of the teaching today emanating from men who claim to be ministers of the gospel which is contrary to the teachings of Moses, of Christ and the Apostles. Men have become self-deceived in their conceit and pride, the Holy Spirit has been grieved and they are left the victims of the delusions of Satan.

"We speak an earnest word of warning to the Lord's people, everywhere; it is time to watch and pray. However cultured a man may be, however beautiful the language he may use in discussing his theory of philosophy, accept no man or his message who would underestimate the inspiration of the Scriptures, whose teachings are contrary to the inspired apostles, whose theories in any way conflict with the teachings of Jesus. The man who would minify the character of Christ, who questions His pre-existence, His virgin birth, and His sacrificial death, the atonement He has made for a sinful race, is not a messenger sent from God. God's Word always, and everywhere, magnifies the Lord Jesus Christ. Mark the man claiming to be a teacher from God whose teachings contradict the Word of God. Refuse to receive His message; refuse to give him financial support, or to wish him God-speed. Such men are the destroyers of the faith."—Sel.

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Dear Highway:

We are thanking God these days for his many mercies and blessings, but our hearts are yearning for a mighty manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power among us. I have just been reading a pamphlet entitled "When the Spirit's fire swept Korea;" it is truly wonderful what God did in answer to continued waiting upon him. The Spirit came as at Pentecost. My soul is stirred and I am determined to wait upon God to a greater extent. If our people will go down in humility and fast and pray and keep at it, the Lord will pour out his blessing upon us and give us the country for God. We have become too afraid of spiritual demonstration. God is working in our midst. Brother Howe began with us on the 3rd inst. A number have been converted, some reclaimed, others are seeking for the gift of the Holy Ghost. We had a half night of prayer on the 10th. Pray for us! Yours in Jesus! Keep on praying and pray more.

P. J. TRAFTON.

I am frank to confess that it does not matter so much to me how well a man can preach as how well he can live. Does his family, do those who know him best, have confidence in him?

"TIMES HAVE CHANGED."

But has God changed?

Has the Book changed?

Has the human heart changed?

Has man's need of a Saviour changed?

Have the awful facts of sin and death and hell changed?

Has the utter hopelessness of man apart from Christ changed?

Has Christ's willingness to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Him changed?

Charles G. Finney and Dwight L. Moody believed that revival was necessary in their day. Wherein have the times so changed in a brief half century that revival is not necessary in our day?

If God is the same, the Book the same, the human heart the same, sin and death and hell the same, man's hopelessness apart from Christ the same. His willingness to save the same—if all these are the same, then what is not the same?

Ah, it is the professing Church itself which has changed. It has all but lost its consciousness of God, its literal interpretation of the Book, its keen sense of sin, its travail of soul over the sinner, its anointing of the Spirit, its piety in the home; it has lost its savor, its unction, its testimony, because it has all but lost Him.

The professing Church has changed. It needs reviving!

"Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."—Rev. 2:5.—Wesleyan Methodist.

DIVINE INSPIRATION.

(John Wesley)

I beg leave to propose a short, clear and strong argument to prove the Divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures.

The Bible must be the invention either of good men or angels, bad men or devils, or of God.

1. It could not be the invention of good men or angels, for they neither would nor could make a book and tell lies all the time they were writing it, saying, "Thus saith the Lord," when it was their own invention.

2. It could not be the invention of bad men or devils, for they could not make a book which commands all duty, forbids all sins, and condemns their own souls to hell for all eternity.

3. Therefore, draw the conclusion that the Bible must be given by Divine inspiration.

THE SECRET OF SERVICE.

To one who asked him the secret of his service, George Muller said: "There was a time when I died, utterly died," and as he spoke, he bent lower, until he almost touched the floor, "died to George Muller, his opinions, preferences, tastes and will, died to the world, its approval or censure, died to the approval or blame even of my brethren and friends, and since then I have studied only to show myself approved of God."—Sel.