

What does it say? "Making the word of God of none effect."

Now Jesus Christ quotes Moses and quotes him accurately, and then says, You Pharisees have taken the words of Moses and reinterpreted them, softened them, and let the people get out from under the force of them, and you have made the Word of God of no effect. Jesus Christ here calls the word of Moses the Word of God. Do you see what I am trying to do? I am trying to build a case where we will accept the word of Christ and the authority of Christ.

"The Book of Moses"

Now turn to Mark, the 12th chapter. In the 26th and 27th verses we have a section in which our Lord Jesus Christ speaks about Moses: "And as touching the dead, that they rise; have ye not read in the book of Moses, how that in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err."

Here Jesus Christ takes the words that God spoke to Moses in the burning bush. The burning bush is no myth. The record of the burning bush is in the section between the first and 15th chapters of Exodus, which we are told is a part of a compilation of different stories that have been brought together over a period of time, some of them added as late as after the exile. But Jesus Christ took that section and said that the Lord spoke in the bush, that God spoke to Moses at the burning bush and called him, and when he called him Moses understood that the God of Abraham was speaking and that God was not the God of the dead but the God of the living, and that Abraham was still alive. That is what Moses understood when the Lord spoke to him in the bush. Jesus accepted the Pentateuch as "the book of Moses."

You know, beloved, when you take this testimony of Jesus Christ, this evolutionary approach and the effort to reshape and reform the Bible, it absolutely collapses. This Bible has not come up out of an evolutionary process. This Bible tells the story of how we have gone down and down. And as we have gone down God has given us more revelation of Himself. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, were created in the image of God—and they were perfect.

Now please turn to the Gospel according to Luke. Turn first to the 16th chapter. We find here a beautiful section in which our Saviour tells us the story of Dives and Lazarus — Lazarus the beggar man, Dives the rich man. Begin with verses 25 and 26: "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed." The story continues: "I pray thee there-