

saith the Lord"? O beloved, your pastor's heart is broken to see these open, bold, blatant attacks on God's Word—Paul did not write this; Adam was a symbol; the fall of man into sin, in the third chapter of Genesis, corresponds to the early mythologies of trees, and snakes, and a few things like that, which are pictorial and just suggest to us that man is in difficulty more or less.

No, the Holy Scriptures were given to us by an Almighty God that He might show us our way out of sin, that He might deliver us from the awful curse of death, and that we might have a message of everlasting life preached to men on this earth who do not know what is beyond the darkness of the grave. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction . . ." It is profitable, and that is why you come here on Sunday morning, that you might profit by hearing the Word of God. That is why you bring your little children. That is why some of you will drive many miles to worship in this place where we have a Bible-believing and a Bible-preaching church, a church that is seeking to tell people that the Word of God is pure, it is true since the beginning, and every one of the righteous judgments of our God can be trusted.

What will it be like 25 years from now if the Lord tarries? What will it be like 50 years from now if the Lord tarries, if a whole generation in this country, under the impact and the influence of this, turns away from the belief that this Book is authoritative?

I told you before that I had found out that all this was a part of a plan. Here is the *Christian Century* for September 26, 1962, "New Approach to Curriculum Planning now being devised under auspices of the National Council of Churches." Here it is: "This new development marks a genuine advance in an area where real unity among the churches can be achieved." Unity! Unity among the churches, doing this to the Holy Scriptures! "Denominations now working together in the Cooperative Curriculum Project: the Advent Christian Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the American Baptist Convention, the Christian Churches (Disciples), the Church of the Brethren, the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.), the Church of the Nazarene, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Evangelical United Brethren, the Mennonite Church, (Scottsdale), the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Presbyterian Church in the United States, the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the United Church of Canada." There it is. Planned and worked, now it comes upon us, and your pastor sees the flood of it, and his heart is disturbed and shaken to think what it is going to mean to people when they take their blessed Book and they look at it. It is the Word of God!