

Proverbs 1:1-6

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As you know, we have been in the book of Proverbs for a couple of years, working our way through it. A couple of weeks ago, the Supreme Court passed a law that legalized same-sex marriage in all 50 states of the United States. It really brought an uproar. I told you at that point that I had gotten a slug of emails and phone calls from people wanting to vent and talk about it. I told you then that I do not get into political issues; I preach the Bible. I think that if you just preach the Bible, it will cover all the issues. But obviously, there comes a time when there has to be an exception to that.

So I told you that I wanted to take a little break from Proverbs for a couple of weeks, maybe two or three weeks. I wanted to begin to show you how this country got to where it is today. The last time we were together, we began an overview of America, going back to our Founding Fathers. I laid out a contrast, which is really what I wanted to do. It was an introduction to show you what our Founding Fathers believed, how this country began, how it got to the greatness it achieved at its greatest hour, and then, of course, how we got to the point today where the Supreme Court, and really not just the unsaved world but churches today, were applauding the idea of two men joining in marriage, or two women joining in marriage. This is a contrast between 1776 and 2015, just 239 short years. I looked at where we were when we started and now where we are as a nation.

From time to time in our endeavor as a ministry here, there are times that things need to be laid out for you. As I said last week, many of you, most of you, I look at as missionaries. You have a real knack for reaching people. I talked about Chris's brother here just a little bit ago and how he takes the leftover bread out to his neighbors and walks around and gives them loaves of bread. You cannot teach somebody that. That is exactly what the ministry is. Years ago, my father in the Lord told me that the ministry was nothing more than one beggar telling another beggar where to get bread, and of course, the bread of life.

There are times when you have to have information because information is power, and it gives you the ability to talk intelligently. I will tell you something: if there is anything I cannot stand, it is somebody who is trying to tell me something when they do not know what they are talking about. It drives me crazy. Information and being intelligently informed on what the issues are is crucial.

Last week, I laid a foundation on the death of America: 18 steps that I am going to bring you through, starting today, that show you how we got to where we were to where we are today. We laid a number of things out last week.

I. Parallels Between America and Israel

First of all, I talked about the parallels between America and the nation of Israel. They are the only two nations in the history of the world where both, at their beginning, started with the Word of God and God in their inception. It started with Israel, and now we know from last week, as I laid the foundation, that is exactly how America got started. America got started because they left

the persecution of the Roman Catholic Church that had, for the Dark Ages from 500 AD to 1500 AD, 1600 AD, kept all of Europe in shackles.

Most of you have a King James Bible in your hand this morning. Yet, if you would have lived in 900 AD, or 1200 AD, or 1300 AD, or 600 AD, you would be guilty of a capital offense by the Roman Catholic Church because they hated the book that you have. When the Pilgrims came over, when our Founding Fathers came to this country, they came to escape that persecution. They came to this country to escape the church-state setup that shackled people and kept them from expressing their love for God, being able to teach their children the Word of God, and being able to have the Bible that they wanted to have.

We see and learn the importance of how Israel and America had a mission from God and both failed in that mission. We learn the importance of having a historical context and a biblical context. You cannot separate the God of the Bible from the God of history. Most people, most Christians, have no idea about how God has worked down through history. They have no idea. They do not see the connection between the Word of God and the history of man. The Bible is a record of man's history.

What happens when you get in the public school system, or you get into the upper levels of college, is they put so much emphasis on the Gentile concept of history. Everybody forsakes that the greatest history book that ever was written was the Word of God, which showed man not what nations are doing, but showed man what God was doing. That is the key. You have to approach it that way.

A lot of what I want to do today, honestly, is I want to get you to step out of 2015 and go back to the end of the 19th century. That is going to be hard for many of us because we do not know anything about that. All we know is what is around us today. I am shocked at high school kids who do not know anything about history today. They know nothing about their own country. They know nothing about World War I or World War II. They know nothing about the fact that they have the freedoms that they have today because of the price that was paid. Iwo Jima, Belleau Wood, Guadalcanal, Okinawa—they have no concept of what they mean. To them, "manual labor" is the president of Mexico. Taco Bell is a Mexican phone company. They have no idea of where their roots are as a nation. That is a tragedy.

The simple fact is that our country, like the nation of Israel, was founded on the Word of God and then lost all of those truths in just 239 years. We are here to investigate the reasons why. I have told you many, many times, I am an investigator. I am an investigator of history. I do not believe anything anybody tells me. I do not believe much that I read. I have been around long enough to know that through the Counter-Reformation and the Oxford Movement and many of those areas down through history, history many times has been rewritten. Many times, somebody who wanted to portray to future generations what was not true actually rewrote history. Sometimes you have to do a little digging. Sometimes you have to do a little searching out.

Years ago, I read a book. I would love to be able to tell you the name of it, but I have read so many books over the years, 40-some years in the ministry. It was a number of years ago. I cannot remember the name of it. But the writer had an incredible insight into history and the Bible. He

stated that no country in the history of the world ever lasted past 200 years after having the Word of God and then rejecting the Word of God. It was one of the most amazing statements and observations of history, and it is so true.

Most of us do not know this. Most of us do not even know who a man by the name of John Hus was. John Hus lived from 1371 to 1415. There was a time he was a Bohemian in Czechoslovakia. There was a time when the whole nation of Czechoslovakia was saved and followed the teachings of that man. Czechoslovakia today does not exist anymore. It is gone because they left the Word of God.

England, 1600 to 1900. The phrase was that the sun never set on the British soil. She had colonies everywhere around this world, and she took the King James Bible in the basic English form. That is why when you go to Africa, or you go to Korea, or you go to the South Seas, you will find that many of those, most of those, speak English because the British missionaries, when they went in, they taught these nations in Africa and in China and wherever they went. They taught them to read and write and learn English through a King James 1611 Authorized Version. England today is bankrupt, absolutely a wreck, and there is a reason for that, which we will learn in weeks to come.

The Netherlands. Today, Holland is one of the most amoral countries on the face of the planet. You go to Amsterdam and you walk down the street in the red light district, and the prostitutes actually are in storefront windows that you can shop for what you want. Absolutely, totally amoral. Yet there was a time that the Dutch Baptists under William of Orange were a nation that stood for the principles of the Word of God. The House of Orange stood for the principles of the Word of God against the Roman Catholic oppression that was sweeping down through Europe. Today they are gone.

How about Germany? Martin Luther transformed the nation of Germany. He was a Roman Catholic priest that could not find any peace in the Catholic Church. He would do everything he could to try to find peace in his soul with God. He whipped himself. He crawled up the cathedral steps, some 400 steps, on his knees, until his knees were bloody. He whipped himself. He beat himself to try to find peace with God. It was not until he read in the book of Romans one day that the just shall live by faith that he came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. He broke with the Roman Catholic Church. In Wittenberg, he nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the church. I stood there at the very door that in 1517 he nailed the 95 Theses against the Roman Catholic Church that set Germany free. Where are they today? The whole nation followed one man and the Word of God. Where are they today? No nation in the history of man has survived 200 years after having the Word of God and rejecting it. Incredible. Each one of them at one time had the truth of God's Word, and in time they rejected it. And here we are today.

II. The Rejection of the King James Bible (Step 1)

I want to begin today, and I have to tell you, I am a little angry this morning. If it comes through my preaching a little bit, you know I am usually a mellow guy. But I think there is a time when every preacher ought to get upset about some things. I am just a little bit tired of being called a

heretic, and you being called a heretic, because you believe that the Bible given to man by God is perfect. You are a heretic if you believe that. But it is okay if you applaud gay marriage, and that is right. I am having a tough time with that. I am having a tough time with a country that was based on the Word of God.

I served my country once. I would serve it again. I love this country. What I do not love is where this country has gone, not because of the liberals. You cannot blame Obama on this. You cannot blame this on the liberals or Clinton or whoever you want. This falls squarely on the pastors and the churches of this country who rejected the book that God gave them. I want to talk about this morning. I am a little upset, not upset with you. I am upset with preachers. I can say that because I am a preacher. You may have a rotten mother-in-law. I have nothing against your mother-in-law because I do not know your mother-in-law. You may have a terrible father-in-law. I like him. He is a nice guy. I do not know anything about it. I do not get upset with things I do not know anything about, but I want to tell you something: I know something about preachers. I have been one for over 40 years. I have seen them all. I have been around them all. I know a little bit about history.

America in the 1880s had been through five great awakenings. I wish I had time to lay out the seven awakenings that God gave this country. The first one was in 1740 in New England. The second one was 1800 in New York and Pennsylvania. The third one was in 1830 in the Cumberland Valley Gap Revival. In the 1860s, it was down south, and in the 1880s, it was through Moody in Illinois and Ohio. What you find, here are the parallels to Israel: just as in the book of Judges, as long as Israel held God's Word, He kept injecting Himself into them to keep them going. As long as America was trying to do and keep it, but as she was degenerating, God kept injecting Himself into her through great awakenings, great revivals. It is a great study.

Now we see our beginning. We are going to see now the first seven steps today. Step one took place on May 22nd to 23rd in 1883 in Saratoga, New York. Before I take that apart and show you all the pieces, let me explain to you, let me give you a context. Let me give you an understanding of the importance of realizing how it was in 1881. I need you to see this. I want you to grasp it.

I told you a couple of weeks ago that back in the 1800s, if you walked into a Christian bookstore and the guy said, "Can I help you?" you would say, "Yes, I want to buy a Bible." He would say, "Well, we have two. We have a King James 1611 over here, or we have the Roman Catholic Douay-Rheims over here." Those were the only two Bibles you had. Hard to fathom that, is it not? You walk into a Christian bookstore today, and there are 5,000 Bibles. There is a Bible for everything now. It seems like every sex, everything that goes on, everything that changes in society, somebody comes up with a Bible.

When people did not want to spend the time reading the Bible, they said, "The Bible is too boring." So they came up with a Reader's Digest Bible, a consolidated version, like reading a Reader's Digest. I do not know how you feel about it, but I do not think God is too happy with having His Holy Word compared to Reader's Digest. When that did not work, down the line someplace, somebody came up with a Living Bible. The whole idea is to put the Bible in a language that common man can understand. I have a novel idea: how about all of us getting up to

the language of God and coming to His level instead of trying to bring God down to our level? But that is where it is at today.

You only had two Bibles. I want to tell you today, and I will show you here before we are done this morning, when you walk into a Christian bookstore today and you say, "I want to buy a Bible," they almost have to have one of those little carts with a battery on it with a basket. The aisles are so long. You will go down miles and rows of Bibles, all kinds of Bibles everywhere you want, and you will come away saying, "How do I make a choice? There are 500 different Bibles here." No, you are wrong. There are still only two. I am going to show you that this morning.

I want to tell you something else. Mark it down. I am not a prophet, nor am I a son of a prophet, but a couple of weeks ago, I called that thing right on the nation of Israel and called that thing right on what happened and showed everybody. I am going to tell you something else: it is only going to be a matter of time after the Supreme Court decision that the gays are going to have their own Bible. If you think I am stretching that, you just wait. You can buy me lunch when I prove you wrong. I am telling you right now, that is where it is headed.

I want you to understand the 1800s, 1880s. You go down to church today, all kinds of churches. You did not have that in 1880. I am going to show you how they came here a little bit. They are part of the progression down. But you did not have that. What you had back in the 1880s was Baptist churches. The Baptist churches were in three groups. We will talk about it in a moment. Then you had the Protestant churches. The Protestant churches were the churches that came out of the Reformation. We call them Protestant. The real word is "protester." That is where they got their name. They got their name because they protested the Roman Catholic Church. It translates out they are Protestants. That would be Lutheran. That would be Episcopalian. That would be Presbyterian. That would be all of those groups like that that are Protestant churches. Then you had the Catholic Church was still around. And then you had the cults. By the 1880s, Jehovah's Witnesses were on the scene. Mormons were up and going. You had those Unitarians going. You had Seventh-Day Adventists running by then. That is all you had. You did not have any charismatic Pentecostal churches in 1880. I know that is a shock.

You have to get your mind set. You have to see the time period the way it was, not where you live now and how you think it was back there compared to where you live. There was no Rick Warren. There was no Billy Graham. There were no New York Evangelical churches. There were no Bible churches. There were no Harvest churches. You had four distinct groups: the Baptist Church in three sections, then the Protestants, then the Catholics, then the cults. That is all you had. It was very simple.

Now, I know that history, most people do not read history. They get all caught up in that. But you had three basic groups that were Baptist: the Southern Baptist, what is called the General Association of Baptists (sometimes called the GRB), and then you had the American or the Northern Baptist. Here is what happened: after a national convention in 1883, the main Bible-believing group, the Southern Baptist Church, officially dropped the King James Bible and now accepted the brand new translation of the Revised Standard Version of 1881. That Bible was a

corrupt New Testament version with over 60,000 changes from the book that this country was founded on. The other groups soon followed.

Obviously, you can go online, and my church history study, the last one we put on there, probably runs 200 hours. I wish I had time this morning to bring you through. This has all got to be an oversimplification. I have got to just basically lay it out and tell you in the simplest terms. That is truly the best way to learn it anyhow. So I am going to break down a lot of complicated things, and I am just going to give you the simple version so you can grasp where this thing came from and where it is going. But you must understand, and I must explain, how this happened. What I am about to give you on the source of your Bible and these new Bibles is absolutely invaluable. Where scholars try to make it hard for you to grasp, the Bible makes it very simple. If you deal with people who give you flack because you hold a King James Bible and believe it to be the Word of God, here is going to be the answer to them. It is going to be the answer to you. It is going to be the beginning of a foundation of why this church is called Old Path Baptist Church out of Jeremiah, and it is going to help you understand why we believe and preach the King James 1611 Authorized Version. It will help you understand it.

III. The Corrupt Manuscripts and Their Proponents (Steps 2-4)

Step number one was the Southern Baptist Church in Saratoga, New York. Steps number two, three, and four follow very quickly. Our steps two, three, and four will be the work of three men in history, in the history of revising the Word of God. They all go together.

The first man will be a guy by the name of Brooke Foss Westcott. He lived from 1825 to 1901. I am not going to bore you with a lot of things about him. He is an Anglican, a Church of England New Testament scholar. He is a divinity professor at Cambridge, later elevated to the Bishop of Durham. He believed in baptism for salvation. He never believed in any visible return of Christ. He never thought a day in his life that there ever was a rapture. He is part of the Church of England. By this time, it is a church-state putting pressure on all the people because they have lost the Bible. They have set up this church-state that has persecuted, and they have gone back to many of the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church of where she came from.

If you know anything about history, you know that the Church of England was started because Henry VIII wanted to get a divorce from his wife. England was Catholic at that point. Henry VIII had fallen in love with another woman and wanted to dump Catherine of Aragon for Anne Boleyn. Of course, the only one who could grant decrees back then was the Pope. So Henry VIII gets on the phone to the Vatican and says, "Hey, I know I am married to Catherine of Aragon, but you have not seen Anne over here, and I really like her. I want to get a divorce so I can marry her. I have done you a lot of favors over the years, and I need you to do me one." Well, the Pope could not do it because the Pope was connected to Philip of Spain, who was the father of Catherine of Aragon, and they had made a union, and he refused to do it.

Henry VIII is moping around the castle, and he is saying, "I love Anne, and I am married to Catherine, and the Pope..." His prime minister was a guy by the name of Thomas Cranmer.

Thomas Cranmer came to him and said, "What is the matter, King?" And he said, "I love Anne, and I am married to Catherine, and the Pope..." Cranmer said, "What are you crying about? You are the King of England." Henry said, "Yeah, I am." Cranmer said, "That pepperoni pizza guy over there will not give you a divorce. You are the King of England. Start your own church." Henry said, "I think I will." "Then you can give yourself a divorce." Henry said, "Man, that is a great idea." He calls the Pope on a red phone and says, "I have news for you, Holy Father. We are breaking from the Roman Catholic Church. We do not need you anymore. We are going to start our own church. What are we going to call it, Tom?" Tom says, "Church of England." "We are going to call it the Church of England." Click. That is how that church started. How would you like to go to a church that started because one guy wanted to divorce his wife for another gal, so he started his own church so he could do it? Yet there are millions and millions of people in that church. They do not know anything about history. I do not like the word "stupid." Never called my kid stupid. Never called anybody stupid. I do not like the word. But this is the message that bumps real close to the word "stupid." I want you to know that.

The next guy is a guy by the name of Fenton Hort, 1828 to 1892. He is also a Church of England vicar. He also believes in baptism and regeneration for salvation. He also did not believe in the pre-millennial return of Christ. He also did not believe in the New Testament local assembly. He also did not believe in a rapture. The fact that these two guys believed nothing that you and I believe, and certainly did not ever think you could have a perfect Bible that you could call the Word of God, keep that in mind.

Here is what happened. Here is where it started. This is your first step down with these three guys. I will get to the third guy here in a minute. These two men worked for 28 years to put a Greek New Testament together that came out, and the scholarly world accepted it, and they took the King James Bible of 1611 and revised it to the Revised Standard Version of 1881.

Now here is what happened. Let me go back for a moment here to the Bible for a second. In the book of Acts, and the book of Acts is your foundation of church history. I do not know if you know that or not. If you ever notice your Bible, you have Genesis. Genesis in the Old Testament is the definitive book for the Old Testament. Then you have four historical books that would be Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. They cover the same time period, 40 years. So you have a definitive book and then you have four books that cover the same time period. When you come to the New Testament, it is changed. Now you have Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are four books that cover the same time period historically, three and a half years. Then you have the definitive book, Acts. There is not a Bible scholar on this planet that could tell you why that is if they even saw it to begin with. There is a reason for that, because the book of Acts is a definitive book on church history.

In the book of Acts, the Bible lays out three families from which Bibles are going to come from. Three lines of manuscripts. I do not want to get big \$25 words on you. Three lines of Christianity. Three lines of churches and three lines of Bibles.

1. The first one is Antioch of Syria. We know that that is a good place because in Acts 11:19-20, they are first called Christians at Antioch. Antioch is the hotbed of New Testament Bible

Christianity. Antioch puts out the first missionary trips. Antioch took out the first Bible teachers. Your Bible, the King James Bible, traces this line of manuscripts right back to Antioch. They are called the Syrian family of manuscripts, sometimes called the Byzantine text because it comes out of the Byzantine Empire. Do not worry about that.

2. Your second one is not good. That is Alexandria, Egypt. Sometimes this is called the Egyptian family of manuscripts. For a big \$25 word, when you read it, sometimes they are called the Hesychian text or whatever that means. In the Bible, Egypt is the type of the world. Do you not know that? Do you not know in Genesis 50:25, when Joseph is dying, he says to his brethren, "When God brings you out, do not leave my bones in Egypt." Egypt is the type of the world. In Acts 6:9, it shows you that it is bad. In Acts 18:24, it shows you that Alexandria, Egypt, is bad. In Acts 27:6 and Acts 28:14, the ship that takes Paul to Rome, where the Roman government kills him, is a ship coming from Alexandria. You missed that, did you not? The greatest Christian ever lived was murdered and taken to his death on a ship that came out of Alexandria, Egypt. I am not going to preach on this, but I have a great message on it. That same ship, when you get on board, will lead to your spiritual death too. Bet on it.
3. Then we have Rome. The Roman Catholic Church would be called the Western family of manuscripts. You know the story there. Pagan Rome, under pagan emperors, goes on as pagan Rome to about 300 AD with the Emperor Constantine. Constantine supposedly gets saved. Of course, he did not. He sees a big vision, and he wins a battle, so he starts putting crosses on everything and says, "I am a Christian now," and all this stuff. Constantine calls the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. He gets everybody together, and what he does in that, to make a long story short, is the start of the Roman Catholic Church. He goes back to Constantinople, which is modern-day Istanbul today, Byzantium, and he leaves a vicar in Rome, and bang, now we have the start of the Roman Catholic Church. We see that those, that is a family of manuscripts.

Bible colleges and some of your learned friends will argue that and say that there are many families of manuscripts. I have heard this all my life, and you cannot put them into three. That is a standard lie today. That is sliced bologna cut off for scholastic suckers. That is all that is. They want to make the issue a mud puddle. Make the issue as clouded as they can. I am not concerned about your friends, your church, your pastor, or your favorite Bible scholar, or the school that you went to. I am a Bible believer. I believe the Bible is everything. I think it is utterly ridiculous if you claim to be a Christian and you have a Bible but you do not believe that that Bible is the absolute source of everything that you need. What is the point? I am a Bible believer. When the Bible tells me in the book of Acts that there are three lines of manuscript, I do not care what man says. I do not care what any scholar says. I will take the book over him any day of the week. There are three. When you leave it at three, it becomes very clear. When you do not, then you get muddled.

Now let us look at these two bad manuscripts that came out of Egypt. We will see how it got up to this country and destroyed this country as we move through here. In a scholarly world, when you find the word Codex, C-O-D-E-X, Codex means book. So they are always, when they have a group of manuscripts, they call them Codex this, Codex that. The RSV of 1881 and every new

Bible since then, the only Bible in the history of the world today that is not associated with Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus is the King James 1611. That is why I said today, even though there may be 500 Bibles in the bookstore, there are still only two.

Let me show you what happened. About 1481, they are remodeling the Vatican. When they are remodeling the Vatican, they knock down a wall, and what they find behind the wall was a walled-up secret room that had been walled up hundreds of years before; nobody even knew it. In there, they found manuscripts that dated back to the second and third century. The Roman Catholic Church coveted them and got them, and they labeled them Codex Vaticanus because it was found in the Vatican.

About 1850, here is our fourth guy, a guy by the name of Tischendorf. He is a German, Russian German. He is over in the Sinai Peninsula there in a monastery called St. Catherine's. He is over there, and he is beating around there looking for this, and he loved dirty, old, dusty manuscripts. It is a cold day, and he looks over, and there is a monk, and he is lighting a fire trying to get a fire going to stay warm. Tischendorf immediately sees that what he is trying to light this fire with are manuscripts that nobody has ever seen before. Tischendorf goes ballistic. He goes absolutely crazy. He sees that these manuscripts also are of the second and third century. It is incredible.

When these two manuscripts come to light through Westcott and Hort, I am going to show you in a minute, these two manuscripts set the scholarly world on its ear. The date of these manuscripts is around 300 to 400 AD. Westcott and Hort worked on a theory that because they were older manuscripts, they had to be better manuscripts because they were, in their thinking, closer to the originals. That was their thought process. They decided then to take these, and the scholarly world jumped in on it. For 300 and some years, the whole world used the King James Bible. Now they want to bring it and redo it because they found great manuscripts.

Scholars that look at Vaticanus and Sinaiticus all agree that they are probably the same. What happened was in 300 AD, when Constantine started the church, he recognized that he needed a Bible. He called a guy by the name of Eusebius about 325-26 AD. Eusebius was the bishop of Caesarea. He said, "Look, I need a Bible." Eusebius said, "Oh, I would love to give a Bible to the great Constantine." Eusebius went right down to Alexandria, Egypt, and he got 30-50 copies of a New Testament and brought them into Rome to Constantine. Every scholar that looked at him and still had the letter in the British Museum of when he ordered them, every scholar believed that these two are the ones that came out of Alexandria, Egypt, with Constantine that survived.

The makeup of the text from the Alexandrian and Roman family are totally corrupt. Back in Alexandria, they were changed. A guy by the name of Origen, who was a pagan philosopher, got the New Testament manuscripts, read through them, did not like what he saw, took out this, took out that, and he deleted over 60,000 passages in the Bible. Most of them having to do with the blood of Jesus Christ that washes away your sin.

When I deal with somebody on the issue of new versions of the Bible, I can get away with this, maybe you cannot. I do not waste a lot of time anymore. I know my early, I love it that some of you guys get into those little sword battles with people. I think it is great. I used to do that. I am 65 years old. I cannot get my sword down as deep as I used to. I have learned over the years,

what time I have left, I use to take young men and young ladies like you who want to learn the Bible and pour myself into you. So when I get one of these clowns and I have to deal with them sometimes, and I do, I do not waste much time with them. I just ask them one question. I have learned over the years that the real issue in anything you deal with is to get to the issue. Everybody wants to treat symptoms. Everybody wants to go on and on and on and on and talk about things that do not matter. Me, I go right for the jugular vein. I go right to where the source is.

I have had moms and dads before that had problems with their kids and whine about their kids. "Well, they will not come to church," or "She is this or she is that," or "They do not do this or they do not do that." "I cannot do anything." "Somebody at that church said something to my boy or my girl, and they will not come anymore." They can go on that for hours. I always say, "I just cut the crap and get right to the bottom line. They do not come to church because of you. They do not come to church because you lost in their life the input. That is why they do not come." Just get right to it. When a husband loses his wife and his family, he can blame it on his wife. He can blame it on that. I will tell you, at the end of the day, it comes back that if you are saved, you are the spiritual leader of that family. It is that simple.

When it comes to the Bible, it is so easy. It is not complicated. Here is what I do. I ask them, "Somebody says, 'Well, you believe the King James Bible is the absolute Word of God. I have an NIV. I have this. I have that.'" I just simply ask them, "Let me ask you a question. Are you saved?" "Yes, I am." "Okay. Is it the great whore of Revelation 17 and 18?" That is all I ask them. They say, "What does that have to do with it?" "Oh, it has a lot to do with it." That is what I ask them. If you know Revelation 17 and 18, it clearly tells you that the Roman church is Revelation 17 and 18. Matthew 23:9 makes it clear. 1 Timothy 4:3 gets it even cleaner and says that they teach doctrines of devils. Have you ever read the works of a guy by the name of Avro Manhattan? You have to spend some time with his books. If you believe that, then you have to ask yourself, "Why would God ever bring His Bible through the devil's church?" That is a sobering thought. I am not done yet. I love your silence, but hang on here. Why would that happen? You see how simple that is?

All the new Bibles, every one of them today, come off of the Roman Catholic text out of the Vatican or Sinaiticus monastery. Every one of them. When Westcott and Hort developed it, they bring out what is now known today as Nestle's New Testament Greek. Nestle's New Testament Greek is the standard, listen to me, it is the standard for every Bible college and seminary in this country, and it is built on the corrupt text of two unsaved men that got their text out of the Roman Catholic Church against the God-honored Bible that God had been using for 300 years. I will tell you what, that is pretty incredible.

If that was not bad enough, our fourth guy, Tischendorf, who found the manuscripts in the Sinai Peninsula in St. Catherine's monastery, when he saw them, the monks immediately knew that they had something special because he had wet his pants all over the floor. So they had gotten in a little huddle, and they said, "We must have something valuable here." He wanted them. He wanted them so desperately. He wanted them so badly. He offered everything. He went to Cairo to the archbishop, and by that time, everybody knew they had something, and they were not

giving them up. He asked them if he could take them to the Czar of Russia and show them to the Czar of Russia, who had an interest in all of these things, and the Czar of Russia would give them money for their monastery, and he would return those manuscripts once they got to see them. He signed a paper saying that they would. He signed a paper that he would bring them back, and he stole them, and he never brought them back. They wound up in the British Museum today.

Everybody ought to read this book. I am not just some cowboy who rides off yelling "Yeehaw." I get my facts. The greatest book you could ever read: Secrets of Mount Sinai. It is a cheap book. I bought it for a dollar 30 years ago, maybe longer than that. You could probably get it on the internet and you could probably buy it for a quarter. One of the greatest books I ever read. It is the story of the finding of the world's oldest Bible, Codex Sinaiticus. It says on page 94, 95, 96, 97, it tells you how he stole them from them. Not written by a Christian. Written by an unsaved man who just recorded the facts of history. Incredible, is it not? That is some guy you got there.

Why on earth would you take a Bible from a guy like that? Why would you ever take a Bible from Rome? You know that Rome killed John the Baptist? Rome persecuted the Jews? Rome killed James in Acts 12 and killed Peter in Acts 28 or thereafter. Rome crucified Christ. Rome had Him whipped. Rome had Him beaten, murdered. Rome, from 500 AD to 1600 AD, killed a hundred million Bible-believing Christians in the name of God for the Bible that they held. Why in the world would you think you would get a Bible from there?

All this talk about why you believe the King James Bible, "King James was this and King James was that." "He was a bad guy." "All those translators were not qualified." Your RSV up there, your NIV, came through the Devil's Church, Revelation 17-18, and the manuscripts were stolen by an unsaved man and put into a Greek New Testament by two other unsaved men who never wanted to sow to Christ in their lives. The two men, Westcott and Hort, that put the RSV together, which became the ASV of 1901 and the NIV of today and every other Bible, neither of them believed and accepted the account of Genesis 1, 2, 3 and thought it actually happened. Both believed that you got to heaven by being baptized. Both thought that the works of Karl Marx and Charles Darwin were great works. Both men thought that the Bible was full of errors. Both thought that the Apocrypha should be in the Bible. Both thought that the church took the place of Israel. Both believed in the liberal fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man concept: God is everybody's father. Both believed that hell was not a real place. Both men denied the literal return of Christ. Both believed that Jesus was not really God in the flesh, and heaven was not a real place but only a state of mind. I mean, those are some good guys you got there.

Is there anybody in his right mind, anybody on this planet looking at the facts, that would want a Bible from those three guys over what God had put out and had been using for over 300 years and was using all over the world by 1800, 1880, that three-quarters of the world had come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? I know what the problem is, pal. Way deep down inside, your problem is not translations, your problem is God. You do not want to have a final authority over your life. I know where it comes from.

Take this for what it is worth. After his death, Westcott's own son said that they used the occult and Satan worship. He called it a "ghost guild" in their textual translation work. I do not know. Maybe they were mad at daddy. Maybe they did not get enough drugs and enough booze when they grew up. I do not know. You take it for what it is worth. I do not really have an issue with that. You know why? Because when God put out His book, King James 1611, by His Spirit, I guess the devil can put his out by his spirit.

I know most of you do not have one here today. Probably nobody does. If you had an NIV. When your King James Bible, you can print your King James Bible and put it in and pass it out anywhere you want. I told you a couple of weeks ago, the reason I learned, told me this, the reason why I know the King James Bible is the Word of God over every other Bible is because you can buy it at Dollar General Store. You cannot buy an NIV or an ASV. You know why? They are copyrighted. You realize that every time you want to take a portion out of the NIV, you have to pay \$250 for a copyright infringement fee. You realize you can take the Word of God. If I did not know the Bible was the Word of God, any other way I would know it, any man, any place, any time, can take that and do whatever he wants to do because there is no copyright on it.

It gets better. NIV was put out by an organization called Zondervan. But in 1988, most people do not know this. That is your Bible, is it? Do you think that is closer to the originals, and that is the one God wants everybody to have? Do you really? Well, buckle your seatbelt. I have a headline for you. Zondervan was sold in 1988 by a conglomeration guy who buys up everything to make money on, by the name of Rupert Murdoch. So now when you want to do the NIV, you have to pay \$250 to his organization, Rupert Murdoch. All of the things that Rupert Murdoch does, all the conglomerations that he owns, he is the porn king. He developed all of the pornography channels paid for on television, and that is \$250 bucks you are paying for his Bible that has his ownership on it, or paying for his porn sites. Hallelujah! Now, see how close that comes to the word "stupid"? Murdoch owns the copyright to the NIV. He also owns the copyrights to Satan's Bible. But he is a Christian. He is a Christian. Goes to church. You know who his pastor is? Rick Warren. Saddleback Church. Who took a lot of heat over him owning the copyright to the Bible, being his church, being a Christian, and being a porn pimp. He is still in his church. It is amazing what your offering will get you.

You know who Rick Warren is, do you not? Wrote the great book, The Purpose Driven Life, that works for everybody except the son who took a gun and blew his brains out years ago. No disrespect, and I feel that is a tragedy. But may I speak freely to you? Thank you. Front row. Forget he is a pastor. Any Christian who loses a child to suicide better take a good look inside. Amen. When you have a problem with your child, you are taking to him. Why his driven life did not work for him. People do not know today. People are in the dark today. The real tragedy is, people do not want to know today. That is the problem. There will be people when this sermon is over that will be upset with me. They will be upset because I told the truth. It will not be about that I exposed the phoniness of what is going on that brought this country down. It will be that I did not have love. You would not even know what love was if you did not have a Bible that told you and defined what God's love was for you.

Through their work of the revision committee of 28 years, it caused the destruction of the God-honored text that this country was built on. 99% of the churches, the Christians, the pastors, bought right into it. Let me tell you something. That book that you hold in your hand was paid for, that you might have it, by the blood of hundreds of thousands of men and women who, under the oppression of the Roman Catholic Church in the Dark Ages, were tortured, put to death, had their kids fed to pigs, had some of the most atrocities happen that you could ever imagine, all because they would not give up the book that you hold in your hand but you refuse to read and believe. Westcott and Hort's theory opened a door to rid the Christian world of the one book, and all the blessings and the favor of God flow through. When you lose it, you lose from the Bible itself.

IV. The Consequences of Bible Rejection (Step 5)

Here comes our fifth step: seven vital things you lose when you lose your Bible. It happens in a country and it happens in a Christian's life.

4. The first thing you lose, 2 Timothy 3:16, is no furnishings, nothing on the inside of any substance.
5. The second thing you lose, 1 Thessalonians 2:13, is no working of God in you. So you have to make it up. You have to pretend.
6. The third thing you lose, John 4:23, is no biblical love for God. So you have to counterfeit that with love in everybody instead of love in a book that will tell you what to love.
7. The fourth thing, John 4:29, is no worship.
8. The fifth thing, John 15:7, is no power from God.
9. The sixth thing is no power in preaching, Jeremiah 1:8-9.
10. And the seventh thing is no inheritance with God, Joshua 1:6-9.

As a church and as a country, when you lose these seven things, you are gone. You are done.

Now, I give you all that, bring you back to the Southern Baptist Convention, 1883, Saratoga, New York. The Southern Baptist takes the new RSV of 1881, and in just 20 short years, it destroys the Southern Baptist Convention. Oh, the lessons of history. By 1920, the Southern Baptist Church has completely fallen apart. This information is in any public library in any city in America. They are the largest group of Baptists in the world, and they completely go into apostasy. Keep in mind, and I wish I had time to lay this out, and at some point I will, there is always a remnant that God has of true believers. We will get to that at some point.

By 1920, they are teaching, this is the Bible College, the Southern Baptist Convention. Twenty short years, less than 20 years after they dumped the King James Bible and adopted the RSV, the corrupt one that comes out of Alexandria and out of Rome, they are teaching evolution in their Bible seminaries as a fact over creation. They are teaching young men and turning out pastors who reject the account of Adam and Eve as literal. It is a fable now. The Bible is just a book of stories. That is what they are teaching their pastors. They reject the flood of Noah in Genesis 6 as a fable. They are denying the second coming of Christ. They deny the rapture. The famous swoon theory is popular in their teaching. The swoon theory is that Christ really never died on

the cross. He just went unconscious. When they took Him off the cross and put Him in that cave, caves are cool. The rocks were cool. After a couple of days of being unconscious, the coolness of the cave revived Christ, and He came out. That is the swoon theory taught in the Southern Baptist Convention in 1920 against the literal body resurrection of Christ. I want to tell you something. If you do not believe that Christ arose from that day, you are as good as in hell right now with a lock rusted up and a key thrown away. You cannot have salvation without a literal resurrection.

It turns out 20 generations of preachers and pastors, pastors in large churches, did not believe anything about the Bible. They have a split in 1940. To this day, the Southern Baptist Convention is in two groups: the liberal group and the conservative group. The conservative group is pretty liberal themselves today. You have the General Association of Baptists. They are not much better and as dead as can be. No Bible, totally apostate. Do not take my word for it. Where are Lauren and Barbette? Ask them. They are moving from Iowa down here, leaving a GRB church because it is dead as a fish in the sun. The American Baptist, completely liberal. An American Baptist church in Florida in its lobby has a statue of Jesus Christ, Buddha, and Confucius. Take your pick.

I wish I had time today to tell you the story of why we got our Bible and why we are where we are. But it is coming. I have one more event to happen in history before I tell you that message. But I have it ready to go. One more thing has to happen, and then I am going to show you how you and I survived it. It is one of the most amazing studies that you will ever take in the Word of God. You have to thank God before you even hear the message that you survived it and have the right Bible today.

V. The Rise of Neo-Evangelicalism (Step 6)

Around this same time that America dumps the Bible, we see, and it begins to come quickly now, once the Bible goes in life, everything else begins to go downhill. We see step six, seven, and eight come into play. Number six will be the rise of neo-evangelicalism. That is step six. A movement in the late 1800s and the early 1900s with the RSV to bring Christianity back to an accredited way of thought. In other words, simplifying it, taking it out of the hands of the common man and putting it back in scholarship. It is called a complete reconstruction of new theology in America. Neo, neo-evangelical, neo being new. It is a shift away from hard Bible doctrine that clearly lays out truth from error based on the Bible. It leaves today what has now become known as denominationalism.

I am going to turn some lights on for you. This is why Baptist churches today, they used to be Baptist churches, are dropping the name Baptist because they are going the way of neo-evangelicalism because that is what it does. When you do that, you get away from doctrine so you can reach everybody. My goal will never be to take Baptist off the name of this church. You know why? Because my number one goal is not to reach everybody. I would like to, but that is not realistic. I would do anything I could if it would happen, but it will not. I change my mind. My number one goal is not just to reach everybody. My number one goal is to preach the truth. I

will let the truth deal with it. I have always been that way. I have never looked at things and thought, "Well, I have to do..." I always took things the way they are.

When I was a kid, I was that way. When I was a kid one time, I wanted to be a ballplayer. I wanted to play ball. I wanted to be a big league ballplayer. I wanted to, I bought me a ball outfit. I learned quickly that buying a ball outfit does not make you a ballplayer. I put it on, and I went out in the backyard, got me a ball and got me a bat. I never got discouraged. I threw that ball up and missed it. Picked it up again, threw that ball up and missed it again. Picked that ball up four or five times, missed it every time. Most guys would get discouraged. I have never gotten discouraged. I picked up that ball and picked up that bat, and I said, "Well, I learned a great truth today. I am not a good hitter, but I am the world's best pitcher." I do not care. To me, it is the truth. What good is having everything if you do not have the truth, the bottom line? It has got to be the truth. Is it not about show and dog and pony shows and great crowds and all this? It is about the truth.

We live in a world of passiveness now. We live in a world of acceptance of all things. I am going to tell you something. The decision of the Supreme Court only happened because pastors and churches and Christians failed to hold the line and keep preaching and teaching the Bible. The salt has certainly lost its savor. The church will now have names with no affiliation of denomination. We will call them Bible churches, Harvest Church, Community Church, Community Family Church, Village Church, Christian Church, Outreach Church, Church of Love, Eagle Creek, Free Evangelical Grace Church, Full Faith Church, Agape Church. In all of it, they lose all the doctrine that is gone, and all the lines of truth get blurred. We give the most important single thing the Bible does, the King James Bible did, was give us doctrine and give us truth, and we sell that out because we want to reach a crowd. After 100 years of this, this has ruined this country, and it is really a mess.

Isaiah 5:20 says that there is coming a day when evil will be called good and good will be called evil. Who would have ever thought that believing a Bible was perfect and believing the Bible was the absolute perfect Word of God would be considered wrong, and homosexuality and same-sex marriages were considered right in churches, in churches?

VI. The Rise of Neo-Orthodoxy (Step 7)

Chapter 7 is the rise of what is called neo-orthodoxy. This will be step 7. This will start the movement of the church that America goes into in the 1920s with the RSV in the lead. In a nutshell, it is changing the Bible and changing preaching and changing the church to go along with society as it changes. All negativity is taken out of preaching. No sin. Love is the key word. Acceptance of all people. All negativity is taken out of preaching, and all preaching is replaced by philosophy of teaching. Tolerance is the word for the day. This will be your Lutheran church, Anglican church, Presbyterian church, Methodist church, Episcopalian church, the Greek Orthodox, the Russian Orthodox, the Unity, the World Council of Churches, and a lot of the evangelical churches slide right into this too. We see it all the time.

All sin is now acceptable. We take the point of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. God is the father of everybody, so we are all brothers. God is love. God loves everybody. So when we love everybody and accept everybody like God did, then we are like God. That is real Christianity. It is love. It is tolerance. It is acceptance. No, my friend, it is truth. It is truth.

VII. The Rise of the Charismatic Movement (Step 8)

Step number 8 took place around 1900, which was the rise of the charismatic movement. The final phase, the final phase of destroying all truth and doctrine and any relevance to the Bible, and not based on the Bible at all, but based on your feeling, how you feel about it. In 1901, the charismatic movement as you know it today was started with a woman, Aimee Semple McPherson, at the Angelus Temple in Los Angeles, California. It moved over to the Azusa Street Mission, and then it also serviced at Bethel Bible College in Topeka, Kansas, and it leads from 1900 thereabout to the modern charismatic movement; that is where it has its roots.

I want to tell you something. In 1800 years of church history, you will find that no one believed what they believed. For 1800 years, nobody held to any truth. You could not give me one prominent name in church history that believed anything remotely that the charismatic church believed today, but people do not care. In 1900, a woman starts it, called the Pentecostals. Charismatic means gifted. It is like the Gnostics of the second and third century. It moves into a movement in the 1940s called the Full Gospel in spite of what the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 11:4 about another gospel.

Now allow me to show how this thing is completely, totally, absolutely ridiculous. Aimee Semple McPherson started the modern-day charismatic movement. She is a woman pastor and evangelist. Look at 1 and 2 Timothy that will cover that issue. Just so you do not think I make this stuff up. I am an investigator, an investigator of history. I get my decisions on my statements on facts, not my feelings. It just so happens that a good buddy of mine, a cohort in crime in the ministry, Mr. Craig Hanson, knew where I was going with this, and in his foreknowledge and his understanding, I just so happened that through the kindness of his heart, I have a copy of The New York Times, Thursday, September 28, 1944. Just so you do not think I am just making this up. On this day, September 28, 1944, on page 19 in the back, is the obituary for guess who? Little Aimee baby who died the day before.

I told you many times I live in the wrong part of history. I know I have accepted it. I would have been much better back in the 16th and 17th century. All this weaseling around in Christianity just drives me nuts. I think Christianity ought to be as militant as the Bible says it should be. I think every day you ought to serve as a combat soldier in God's army. He is the captain of our salvation. Paul said that we are to endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. A good soldier will always follow his orders. A good soldier will stay in place and fight when he is scared to death. A good soldier believes in a chain of command, and therefore he makes the military, the military is the working, we lead from the top down the chain of command. In Christianity, we lead from the top down through the chain of command of the Word of God.

Back in the old days, they did not fool around with things. They called it as it was. When you were a shyster, you were a shyster. When you were a crook, you were a crook. Today, when you are a crook, you become a politician. Today, when somebody lives a life outside of God and claims to be a Christian, and they ruin their life, and it is a great opportunity. They die of an overdose of drugs or die of alcoholism, and they claim to be a child of God and made a mockery of Christianity, and you have the greatest opportunity at that funeral to give them the grace of understanding how the flesh is weak. I get it, but they use that to warn others about that life. I would hope at my death, I would hope that whoever preaches my funeral would not focus on the good things that I do, but take the things that I have screwed up in life and make sure that nobody else screwed up in them. We do not do that today. Today, here is a guy that did this or did that, and he made a mockery out of things, and we go to the funeral, and a preacher got there, and he talked about what a wonderful... Everybody in the place knows he is lying. Nobody has got the guts today to call it like it is.

In 1944, they still did, and in its obituary notice for Aimee baby who died a day before on September 27th. I have showed you where you got your Bible from, and I am going to show you where the Charismatic got their beliefs from. It is wonderful. These are the facts. I got it right here. The obit talks about her calling to the ministry at 17 years of age. How she claimed to heal people and have a special power that others did not have. She was charismatic. She was gifted. The paper exposes her as a fraud. The paper does not talk about what a great woman she was. It talks about her multiple divorces and her multiple husbands. It did not talk about her great Angelus Temple with all the great things. It talked about her lawsuits of being sued multiple times for fraud, being sued by her own daughter, and her own daughter suing her. It talks about her fake, her own kidnapping in 1926.

One spring morning in 1926, she is swimming along the beach of California, and Aimee disappears. For days, her congregation lined the beach, looking for Aimee, praying for Aimee. "Aimee, please, please come back." Praying for Aimee. One day, two days, three days. Crowds get bigger. Tears stream. Everybody is wondering, "Maybe a shark got her. Maybe she died this way. Or she is out there, she drowned." With a body, they are searching all for her. For 10 days, they are looking all over the place. Her crowd wants their spiritual leader back. On the 10th day, hallelujah. Praise the Lord. On the 10th day, Aimee stumbles out of the desert. Clean and bruised, but hallelujah. Claimed that she was abducted. They blame the Mexicans for everything. Claims she was abducted. Her crowd and her people are just beside themselves. "Oh, thank you Jesus. We got our leader back. Thank you." When the authorities investigated, it is in the paper. It was found out that she was shackled up for 10 days with her sound man from Angelus Temple. She is called a 20th-century Jezebel by other evangelists.

Most of you have probably seen the movie, Elmer Gantry, put out by Sinclair Lewis. Sinclair Lewis was an atheist. He absolutely hated everything with Christianity and the Bible. You have to get it sometime. You can rent it and watch it. It is worth watching. Burt Lancaster plays the part. It is a part about Aimee Semple McPherson, who is a queen of heaven evangelist who has 10 revivals and then shacks up with every guy coming down the line. That was put out by an unsaved man who knew back then what this was. The paper talks about her amassed fortune of

\$600,000. That would be about \$6 million today. All from her faithful idiots who could not tell the real thing from the phony. Yes. She died September 27, 1944, at the age of 53 years of age by a heart attack. Yes, my friend, the miracle woman, the greatest healer who ever walked the planet, who gave eyesight back to the blind, unstopped deaf ears, cast out demons, did not have enough faith to cure herself when she died.

I remember when I grew up, there was a lady on the radio named Kathryn Kuhlman. How many ever heard of her? Kathryn Kuhlman was about as demon-possessed as you could ever want. She is the charismatic woman radio preacher. She would always get on there, and she would talk big, syrupy stuff, and talk about Jesus. She raised millions of dollars. When she died, it was found out she had a terminal disease. She was hailed as the greatest faith healer of her time. When she got sick, you know where she headed? Down the road, not 20 miles, was Oral Roberts, the male counterpart who was the greatest healer in his day. Instead of going that way, she went into the hospital, and she died.

I am from Canton, Ohio, right up in Akron, 30 miles. When I grew up was Ernest Angley. Ernest Angley was a charismatic. Bear with me here. I think I like this first name better, to tell you the truth. This guy, if this guy was not gay, he was missing the best chance he had in a long time. His wife's name was Angel, and he was a healer. We actually used to watch him on television when people would come down in front of his church. He would knock them flat. He would say, "Come on, whack, knock." He would have two big guys there that would catch him. I remember one time, three or four guys, we were just young preacher guys, went up to his thing just to see what was going on. I will never forget, they had this guy come down, and he was on crutches, really bad. Angley says, "You do not need those crutches." Everything was demon. Everything was demon. Everything was demon. You know where that was coming from. This guy hobbled. I felt sorry. This guy comes hobbling down here, and Angley says, "You do not need those crutches. You got the demon of cripple in you. I am going to command that demon to come out, come out, come out." And he nailed that guy. I did not have a chance to push him. Guys caught him. The guy says, "You know," he is feeling the shock. He is getting on healing pretty good. Everything is blurry. Everything is healed. So he says, "I am healed." Everybody is so busy going, "Well, glory to God and praise the Lord." And he says, "I am healed." And Angley says, "You do not need those crutches," and he is driving away. And he says, "Go, my brother." The guy walked two steps, fell right flat on his face.

His wife's name was Angel. She died. This is a true story. My wife knows. She died. She was so sure that God was going to bring her back to life. He put a telephone in her casket. It is the only grave in that cemetery. You guessed it. Telephone lines going in the ground. That is an absolute true story. This part, is it not? He is wondering where all the long-distance telephone bills are coming from.

VIII. Conclusion: The Core Issue and The King James Bible

That is The New York Times late edition, September 28, 1944, page 19. That will not change anybody's mind about anything. I have a book that was bought and paid for with blood. I have a book that God preserved for me and gave to me that has all the answers, whatever issues you

have in life. I do not care where you are at, where you come from. I do not care if you are living on planet Earth or you think you are living on Mars. It does not matter to me. This book has the answers to everything that you have. It was preserved and kept for you by men and women who knew what they had when the Roman Catholic Church was hunting them down, trying to wipe them out, trying to kill them. They stayed faithful to this book. My admonishment to you is to stay faithful to this book. I am a Bible believer. I make no apology for it.

I have a book bought and paid for with blood, brother, and if you would think that I would ever recommend a piece of godless, depraved trash like these other Bibles, I would cut my head off first. You have the book God gave you. That is the founder of the Charismatic movement. Westcott, Hort, and Tischendorf are the founders of all the new Bibles. All three of these groups, they dump the King James Bible. They have two things in common.

11. None of them believe that you can read, hold, keep the perfect copy of the Word of God in your hand.
12. All of them will take out of the Christian life the number one thing that the Bible is profitable for.

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The number one thing it is profitable for is doctrine. Then reproof, then correction, then instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. If you do not think I am telling you the truth, you go get an NIV and look up 2 Timothy 3:16, and the word "doctrine" is taken out, and the word "teaching" is put in. They want to take the doctrine, the clear truths of the Word of God, out of your life and make Christianity a nice gray blob where everybody is accepted. It started with Westcott and Hort and the Southern Baptists, and then it went through the next seven steps right down the line to where we are at today. We are on our way down, and next week I am going to show you the final straw. This thing comes in two parts. The first part was where they dumped the Word of God. The second part always comes, always comes after you dump the book. When these two things take place, this is why America is where she is at today. We will hold up today and have a Word of Prayer.