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Lift up a standard for the people.—Isaiah 62:10.

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And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.—Psa. 23:6

EVOLUTION

THE GREAT FALLING AWAY

Before plunging directly into the subject I want to tell you some of the things that have been running through my mind, and the astonishment that it has caused me by reckoning how few people really believe in "Old Time Religion," or a "Know-so Salvation." Catholics, Lutherans, Episcopalians accept God thru confirmation, and trust in loyalty to the church for salvation, while nearly all the other evangelical denominations who once so fully taught a real "know-so" experience have fallen into the use of card signing, hand shaking, church joining, instead of the old time mourners bench, and the route of repentance to experimental salvation. Even in many popular healing meetings of the day, they are only called down to the front of the meeting long enough to have a short prayer and get their names for some church or association. Truly the great falling away has come. I believe the following statements will virtually cover the conditions of today. Two thirds of the people in America don't go to church, and more than two thirds of the preachers and members who do go to church are not converted. I will also guess that two thirds of the Holiness people have howlness instead of holiness, are cranktified instead of sanctified, and pickled instead of preserved. While I am convinced that two thirds of the Pentecostal people do not possess a real Pentecost, 2nd. chapter of Acts experience and speak in a real language, but are possessed with a devil's counterfeit of spiritualistic-hypnotic fleshly animalism. Truly the world needs a revival of God-sent, old-time, know-so salvation that will heave the Church of the living God out of its dead easy calm into a storm of service for the Master. Among the more notable signs of spiritual decedance and the great falling away, is that about half of our leading preachers believe in evolution. The majority of high school professors, College and University professors, also advocate the same thing, while many Sunday School teachers are equally guilty. The newspapers and movie pictures are almost universally aligned on the side of evolution and science, and what these above authorities sponsor today, will become the general belief of tomorrow. But many say, "what is the danger?" Well, either evolution is true and the Bible a

lie, or vice versa. If man came by the process of evolution, then there was no creation, and if there was no creation there was no subsequent fall, and if there was no fall, there would be no need of the vicarious suffering of Jesus Christ on Calvary to redeem man from the penalty of the fall. Thus at once evolution becomes the most subtle, vicious and dastardly attack upon the divinity of Jesus Christ and the claim of salvation through His blood alone, thus striking at the very foundation of the Christian religion upon which we have builded the entire superstructure of our faith. Whether cognizant of the fact or not, preachers who advocate the doctrine of evolution are destroying everything that is sacred in the faith of the Church of the living God.

If there were no other evidence to prove that the age is closing and the end of these nations and this civilization imminent; if all the prophecies from Genesis to Revelation were not being fulfilled proving the end of this age and dispensation, the teaching of evolution alone in church and school will undermine and destroy our present nation and civilization with in the days of our children. It is commonly known over the country that children can be kept in Sunday school while they are in the grades, but as soon as they reach the higher schools where the study of science and evolution destroys their faith in the Bible as the Word of God, then the fear of God leaves their minds and they run into unlicensed sin, petting parties and immorality, thus destroying the moral backbone of the rising generation, and without moral stamina nations and civilizations perish. Our great school system of which in times past we have been so justly proud has been turned into pagan temples where they are murdering the faith of our fathers in the hearts of our children. Public parades, mass meetings and moster petitions to legislatures should be the order of the day to save our youth from this monster that threatens the very foundation of the Christian faith.

History proves that religion has ever been the mainstay of past civilizations. Whatever, or where ever that religion might have been if you were to go with me to the Gobi desert in Asia or at the mouth waters of the Euphrates where it empties into the Persian Gulf, or down into Central America where the mighty forests

have overgrown ancient civilization: in all these places, their civilization was built up around their religion. Great temples towered above those ancient cities, but when the people lost faith in their religion and in their priests these civilizations perished precipitously. The civilizations we have known since the dawn of history, have been built upon certain foundations. The Priests of Zoroaster in ancient Chaldea, taught that personal purity was the highest acme to be obtained by the individual, resulting in the greatest good to the entire people. This with the general distribution of wealth gave rise to the great Babylonian civilization, but when the priesthood became corrupted, when gross immorality swept the people, and the lords of finance gathered their horded wealth within the giant city of Babylon, in one night at the feast of Belshazzar, that great civilization perished. When the priests of Egypt who were holy men, taught personal purity, and there was a general distribution of wealth, Egypt developed civilization which has been the envy of all modern times. But when the priesthood became corrupted, the wealth was gathered into the hands of the few, gross immorality stalked thru the land and Cleopatra, the harlot, sat upon the throne, Egypt fell, and the sands of 40 centuries have well nigh covered the monuments of her greatness. When Caesar wrote of the Roman Empire, he declared the power of the Roman Empire was her virtuous mothers. There was a general distribution of wealth throughout the country. The pagan priests of Rome were philosophers with high moral ideals. But Rome fell into a mighty abyss of corruption, when her wealth was gathered into the hands of the few, when her priesthood became moral degenerates and opened their temples as houses of assignation for the rich; when the women of Rome vied one with another as to the number of men they could entertain in one night and scorned the women with one husband; mad, on pleasure bent, spending their days at gladiatorial combats and where they fed human beings to wild animals in the arena. To this was added in Rome the fact that most of the young men left the farming districts and crowded the cities. To remedy this evil the government launched upon a great project, building great cities to gratify their civic pride, and great highways to con-

nect the different parts of the Empire, thus affording employment for this great mass of men. Those who remained in the agricultural districts were unable to provide sufficient food to feed this great mass of nonfood producing workmen, thus Rome fell. After reading the foregoing, it wouldn't take a person of very much brains or much travel beyond their own locality or the reading of the daily newspapers to know that we are riding at maddened speed in automobile and flying machine to a Roman, Egyptian, Babylon fall. Today we have the wealth of the world heaped together (James 5 Chapter) in combines, corporations and trusts. The ministry have largely become a commercializing, money loving, ease loving, non-soul saving, useless parasites in society. The people, down even to the grades in our public schools, are becoming grossly immoral. The farming classes are crowding the industrial centers of the nation, (and leaving out the prophetic word of God) historically we have every proof that we have reached the end of the possibilities of our present civilization. The rise of radicalism, the distress upon earth with perplexity, the entanglements of nations, forecast within the next 25 years an absolute overthrow of all the present institutions of the world, whether they be governmental, social, lodges or unions. The leading statesmen of the world declare that the perpetuation of our civilization is an impossibility under the present governmental systems.

Now brethren, the most fertile soil for sowing the seed for the above harvest of destruction is in the teaching of evolution, that is permeating every strata of our present social system. You are not considered intelligent, you are looked upon as "a moss back" or "a has been," if you do not believe in evolution. States that dare to pass laws to hinder the teaching of evolution in their public schools have been mocked at by pulpit and press.

If evolution were true, species would be in the process of evolution today. But while you may improve the species, you cannot cross species and continue to perpetuate the new order. It stops with the first or second reproduction. The similarity of the frame (vertebrae) in the human and higher types of animal existence is no proof in the process of evolution, but simply a choice by a wise Creator in using a form

most convenient to the species. After all, it is only some of the scientists who believe in evolution. Not long ago a number of scientists meeting in London gave their unanimous vote to the following. That while at the outset of a new discovery of any ancient order of life or relics of ancient civilizations which seemed to disprove the Bible, that a more careful investigation, proved the claims of the Bible. The discovery of all sorts of bones or relics in different stratas of the earth's surface is nothing startling. Twice in history the entire surface of the earth has been changed by seismic disturbances. A mighty boiling must have taken place when the entire western part of the U. S. was lifted from the ocean bed until you can find sea shells on the tops of mountains from Denver to San Francisco. In the late earthquake in Japan whole villages were swallowed up, the earth opened and engulfed an entire passenger train, a range of mountains rolled over and filled the valley. Thus have catyclisms ocured in ages past, burying all manner of relics, man and his arts far beneath the surface. The finding of such is no proof of any great, ancient habitation of the earth. You could visit many of our idiotical asylums and find many that could well be selected as the missing link, and because scientists have discovered human skulls and bones of low grade or order of human existance it is no proof whatever of evolution. They have failed as yet to give us anything of solid and stable brand as the old Bible in which we cling to as the Rock of Gibraltar.

While millions of dollars are being spent on a few expeditions into the wilds of the world to secure if possible the missing link, expeditions of lesser magnitude are continually bringing to light in ancient Bible lands the proof and authenticity of the Scriptures. Many friends of mine whose young people are in high schools and colleges and who have been lead to believe that it is an evidence of super-culture to believe in evolution, often say to me, "Well Bro. Parham, it isn't a denial of the Bible and Christian faith to say we believe in evolution." And then with an air of seeming self conceit, they say, "Why I rather believe in it myself." Well, it is either the Bible or evolution. They are as different as heaven and hell. One is inspired of heaven and the other of the pit. I pity the poor professed Christian who hasn't

the courage and the backbone to take an open stand in defense of the Word of God. I would rather stand by the Bible as a sure foundation and to the cross as our only hope, with the millions who lived and died happy in that faith, than to join the ranks of these modernists who are denying the Christ of God and putting Him to an open shame.

Many people are not acquainted with the importance of this subject. Within the last two years nearly all the large churches of America in their general conferences Synods or Presbyteries, have been well nigh torn asunder between the two extremes of fundamentalism and modernism. The general public has thought little and cares less as to the merits of these two contending forces, but to those who still love their homes and have an interest in their posterity these questions become most vital. Fundamentalism means that there are still people in this old world who believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ, the power of His blood alone to save, and in good old-time religion. While modernism has adopted an intellectualism, they do not believe in the divinity of Jesus Christ; His blood is no more to them than the blood of any other man. They mock at the idea of experimental know-so salvation, as only being the imagination of an ignorant class of people. They are thoroughly grounded in the fact that man came into this world thru the process of evolution and not according to the word of God, and they expect to arrive at all the possibilities of future bliss by the power of their mentality. They utterly do away with all that is miraculous or supernatural in religion, but say, friends, the Christianity is absolutely a religion of the supernatural. You do away with the spiritual, the miraculous, the supernatural in religion, and you just as well close the church doors. Jesus said to Peter, when the latter confessed Him as the Christ, that "Flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee Peter, but the Father only." To get salvation, the individual will get a divine revelation from God to their own hearts and know beyond the shadow of a doubt they have passed from death unto life and the power of Satan unto God.

To show how far we have drifted from good old times in religion, a Methodist lady in a country district in New York, went down to visit her daughter who had married a New Yorker.

The son-in-law, knowing how things had changed, said to his wife, "Let's take your mother to the first church next Sunday, let's not tell her it is church, and see what she has to say about it." After going through the ceremonies of a modern church service with its operatic singers, and the unearthly spasm of the anthem, and the rest of the parade, and having reached the sidewalk, "Well mother, what do you think of that?" She remarked rather dryly, "Oh, it is all very well, but is this the way you young folks spend your Sundays, don't you ever go to church?"

Well brethren, 30 years ago, I left modern fashionable, worldly creed bound denominationalism, to take the open field and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ as near like He preached it as I could. I have been badly wounded, sorely crippled, but as long as God gives me breath and strength I am going to still fight for good old time religion. And if I do go down against this awful rising tide of modernism and evolutionism, I expect to sink holding aloft the old blood stained banner of King Immanuel, and you will find that old flag, still unfurled where I sank beneath the wave.

Chas. F. Parham

I have been requested to publish a book of Mr. Parham's sermons, but as I have not had the means to do so, I am publishing some of his sermons in the paper, from time to time, trusting they will be a blessing to our readers.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

William W. Addleman died at his home in Adrain, Mo., Sept. 20, 1932, aged 61 years. His death followed several years of ill health.

Mr. Addleman was converted to Christ when 15 years old, and for the last 17 years has been a believer in the Apostolic Faith teachings. Until the failure of his health he was an active worker in religious work, at one time being the minister at the local Apostolic Faith church.

Funeral services were held from the Fairview Apostolic church Sept. 23, conducted by E. W. Durbin and S. E. Waterbury.

"Money buys what you want in this world. Faith buys what you need from God's storehouse in glory."

CHRISTIAN UNITY

We magnify the importance of the Holy Spirit's message of this closing age. The prophetic fig-tree is budding the dispensational sun is setting, and men's hearts are failing them for fear of those things that are coming upon the earth. The living words of the living God have long been hidden under human rubbish and ecclesiastical machinery. The promised restoration of the cardinal principles of the doctrine of Christ is due in this dispensation of the fullness of time. Next to love, the unity of the believers, was the essential element that contributed to the success of the first great Pentecostal revival. The present divided condition of nominal Christianity presents a sad picture. Even among full gospel people the New Testament standard has not been reached. Nothing should be closer to our hearts, as the custodians of this last message, than the desire to give to the world a Bible example of the blessedness of brethren dwelling together in unity. The world demands this of us, and God expects it. It is the proof of the divinity and authority of our message.

1. Jesus prayed for unity. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also who shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one, as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Jno. 17:20, 21. All believers are included in this prayer. The standard of unity is definitely stated. The reason of the prayer and the result of its answer is clearly defined. Its challenge to the world literally materialized on the day of Pentecost. The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and one soul.

2. Unity provided for. "But now in Christ Jesus ye who were sometimes far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace we had made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall between us." Eph. 2:13, 14. Only Christ can make a Jew and Gentile one. The same Christ can make any two, or any number of persons one in Him, because by Him the enmity is slain. Christ is not divided, and persons who have the fullness of the atonement, have the Scriptural provision for unity. All children of God have and should endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit, and strive together for the unity of the faith.

3. Unity should be preached. "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office. So we being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another." Rom. 12: 4, 5. "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body as it hath pleased him," 1 Cor. 12:18. There should and there need be no divisions in the body, if the members have the "same care one for another."

4. Cause of division. Carnality is the cause of the present divided condition of God's people; 1 Cor. 3: 1-8. Entire sanctification is the cure. Heb. 2:11. National walls, Eph. 2:14. Social walls, Rom. 12:16. Denominational walls, Eze. 43:8. Traditional walls, 1 Pet. 1:18. and sectional walls, Jno. 4:20 are the works of carnality, and in Christ alone can we find deliverance from these "devises of satan." Rom. 6:6. Gal. 2:20. Other hinderances to unity are matters of conscience, Rom. 14:1-15, matters of custom, 1 Cor. 11:16, matters of profit, Jude :16, and following the old animal and heathen law of "the survival of the fittest" Acts 20:35.

5. The love cure. Only through Christ can our affections be alienated from the world, and exalted to a supreme love to God, and our brethren. Love is the bond of perfection. Love sees our brother's motives and overlooks his methods. Love seeketh not her own, and is never envious or covetous. Love forgives and forgets, and is always seeking another's wealth. Charity never fails.

A. B. Stanberry

SOME ONE IS WORSE OFF THAN YOU

"In the world where we live there are many dark days,
And trouble and grief you may see;
But to sink in despair you will find never pays,
Whatever your troubles may be.
There comes tribulation that all must endure,
Things happen which make us feel blue;
Although it's no cure, you may always be sure
That some one is worse off than you.

You may want to go some where away from
mankind
Because of some grief to your own;
But wherever you go it is certain you'll find
Small comfort in being alone.

Whatever your trouble, don't let it appear,
Meet your friends, and act cheerfully, too;
You'll have joy, never fear, in bringing good
cheer
To some one who is worse off than you.

Then hide your own sorrow, and wear a brave
face,
Bring sympathy to the distressed;
Offer some comfort, and with your best grace
Give greeting to all the distressed.
Sad hearts will revive, with the greeting so
heard,
Your own heart will feel lighter, too,
If your feelings are stirred to say a kind word
To some one who is worse off than you."

Selected from Mr. Parham's 'Scrap Book

DEPRESSION

- D—Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation, do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men. Ps. 58, 1.
E—Every day they wrest my words. All their thoughts are against me for evil. Ps. 56, 5.
P—Purge me with hySop and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Ps. 51, 7.
R—Restore unto me the joys of my salvation. Ps. 51, 12.
E—Evening, morning and at noon will I pray and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice. Ps. 55, 17.
S—Save me, O Lord by Thy name and judge me by Thy strength. Ps. 54, 1.
S—Sing forth the honor of His name. Make His praise glorious. Ps. 66, 2.
I—I will go into Thy house with burnt offerings. I will pay Thee my vows. Ps. 66, 13.
O—Out of Zion the perfection of beauty God hath shined. Ps. 50, 2.
N—Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, when He heard their cry. Ps. 106, 44.

Mrs. James W. Sims

REVIVAL CLOSED IN BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS

The revival meeting in Baxter Springs, Kansas conducted by Robert L. Parham and party, came to a close with great success. The tent was enlarged to accommodate the great crowds that came nightly. It was estimated an

average of about 1,000 nightly, while on Sunday night and special nights, there were estimated about 1,500.

A large number of people came to hear the gospel preached. It seems that the time of trouble has begun and that people are more hungry than ever to hear the gospel of full salvation. Truly we should let our light shine for God in the darkened days of trouble, that point to the coming of the Lord.

The meeting at Baxter was blessed with many ministers and workers that stopped by to be in the meeting, and help put it over the top for the glory of God, and we do thank God for their help. They were truly an inspiration to all. About 100 souls were saved, a large number sanctified, and some were wonderfully healed. Several received the Holy Spirit. Truly a shout of victory went up for the glory of God. After the revival closed here a number of ministers and workers went on to other fields of labor and Robert L. Parham and party went to Webb City, Mo.

REVIVAL OPENS IN WEBB CITY, MO.

The revival here in Webb City was opened Sept. 22nd with great crowds and good interest from the beginning. Great spiritual blessing and victory have been attained during the first week of the meeting. Numbers have been saved and blessed. Bro. Stanberry and wife are assisting in the meeting, Bro. Stanberry has charge of the afternoon Bible classes. Bro. and Sr. Fred Campbell and Bro. Kermit Harper are in charge of the music and orchestra. Four services are held daily in the big tent. Webb City is blessed with a wonderful Mission, pastored by Sr. Lou Love. The meeting will continue indefinitely.

As we see the coming of the Lord drawing so near, let each and every one do all they can for the Master. Surely the night cometh when no man can work. We desire your earnest prayers that God will continue to bless and keep us in the center of His will and under the blood of Jesus.

As ever yours, in His service,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Parham
and Roberta June.

P. S. Mother is able to get the paper out cheaper now than ever before, so if you have

been able in time past to send in an offering and feel that you are not able to send in as large as offering now, your smaller offering will go as far as your larger offering used to. So send in your offering as the Lord has prospered you, and He will bless you for it. We are praying that God's Word shall go forth from month to month, to feed the hundreds of hungry souls that get their spiritual food from this paper.

BRIEF MENTION

Brother Gail Schultz closed his meeting in Arlington, Kansas, and went home on account of the illness of his mother.

Brother and Sister Albert Durham held a meeting in Neosho, Mo., and reported victory and a number of conversions.

Piercy Campbell and party closed a very successful meeting near Minco, Oklahoma, many were saved and sanctified and several received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Brother and Sister Fred Campbell returned from Bro. John Modrick and Bro. Jim Davis' meeting near Rodgers Bluff, Mo. The meeting came thru to victory and good crowds were attending.

Brother Horace Watkins has been holding a successful revival and Bible class in the Prosperity Mission. Brother Watkins at the present writing is very ill and desires the prayers of the children of God. His address is Carterville, Mo., R. R. No. 1.

Brother Chester Jackson is in a revival in Vanderpool, Texas.

Brother Jack Barker and party are opening a campaign in Center Point, Texas.

Brother Floyd Durham has been in a successful revival in Stella, Mo., for a number of weeks. Many have received great spiritual blessings and victory.

Sister Ora Simmons, girl Evangelist, closed a successful revival in the Bethel Bible school in Roswell, New Mexico. Brother Wm. Bacon is pastor of the work in Roswell.

Sister Irene Dilworth has closed her campaign in Neveda, Mo. Quite a number were saved and baptized in water.

Brother Homer Coberly and party have just closed a revival meeting at Cave Springs, Ark. Chas. Black, who has been helping in the meeting, has returned home, and is attending the revival at Webb City, Mo.

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In non-essentials—Liberty.

In all things—Charity."

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Repentance to God and man which brings Salvation, the knowledge of sins forgiven.

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We are not fighting men, or churches, but seeking to displace dead forms, and creeds, and wild fanaticism with living truths.

The Editor endeavors to keep the paper free from grave doctrinal errors, but must not be held responsible for all ideas advanced by contributors elsewhere.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Parham
and Roberta June

Roberta June, weight 21 lbs., is now six months old and has traveled six thousand miles and been in six revival meetings.

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