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Introduction: - There seems to be a new interest  
in the Bible. We believe this historic book to be  
the Word of God. Just as the Constitution is not  
Students are taking a new interest  
in the Book, and are saying, "perhaps the Bible  
has an answer to our problems. Bible is absolute.  
We want to study the story of the  
Book, and see whether it has had a guiding light  
for the people of yesterday, and has a message for  
us today. Nature does tell us in her laws of God, but  
message is not too clear. I, and tell us nothing of the  
Conscience does tell us. We find, first of all, that the  
Bible was used as a guide in the framing of our  
constitutional government. A number of men, after  
long argument and debate, drew up the Constitution  
and submitted it to the 13 Federated States for  
ratification. The supposition of the framers of  
the Constitution was that law was absolute. Men  
everywhere in the United States were to be free,  
for they were to know what the law required and  
what the law could not do. They were to know their  
rights, their privileges, and their limitations.  
No judge was to be unfair, for he was forced by  
law to judge the case as the law required. Men sud-  
denly found that if they knew the law and kept it,  
they would be truly free. Under this type of government our

country has grown and prospered and stands in the position of a leader of freedom and peace. Such a law provides the premise that a man is innocent until he is proven guilty. In other countries of the world, where law is not absolute, is not held as the guide for legal behavior, a man may be considered guilty unless he proves his innocence.

So the Bible is the constitution of Christianity. Just as the Constitution is not of any private interpretation, neither is the Bible of any private interpretation. As the Constitution is absolute, so the Bible is absolute. As the Constitution is the highest law of man, so the Bible is the highest law of God. God's laws for the spiritual world are found in the Bible.

Nature does tell us in her laws of God, but the message is not too clear, and tells us nothing of the love of God, and the grace of God. Conscience does tell us in our inmost being of God, but the message is fragmentary. But in the Bible is found the Word of God, and a clear unmistakable message to man. True Christianity finds all of its doctrines in the Bible, and true Christianity does not deny any part of the Bible, nor does true Christianity add anything to the Bible.

The most modern book in the world is the Bible. It is the modern world's best seller. It is the anvil upon which the critics have worn out their hammers. The critics claim the Bible is full of forgery, fiction and unfulfilled prophecy. But, the findings of archaeology have tended to corroborate rather than to deny the Biblical data. The Bible, the greatest

document of the human race, remains a bulwark to national, personal and spiritual freedom.

In the oft-quoted statement made by an eminent and beloved American professor in a college of renown, Yale, we get something of the importance of the Bible. He said, "I thoroughly believe in a university education for both men and women, but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible."

The world has many who agree with Mr. Phelps. Has less knowledge of the Bible been accompanied by a breakdown in our moral fiber, you ask? It certainly has. Will a return to the study of the Bible improve and raise the moral level of our people? It certainly will. It has been proved time after time in history. Perhaps you have seen on your T.V. recently, the statement that if we educate our boys and girls in religious matters we will increase our church attendance and improve the moral tone of our communities..

The very first requirement placed upon the critic is that he read carefully every chapter of the Bible; then he should know something about the way we got our Bible, the miracles of its writing. Biblical history is fascinating and makes us appreciate the Bible which has been preserved for us to this day.

I do not think that anyone here is a critic of the Bible, but if there is one, he ought to read all the literature available on the defense of the

Bible, and the entire Bible itself. If one is to criticize the word of God he must know it, and be able to criticize every word of it intelligently.

The Bible will always be the center of controversy. For centuries there have been purges and bonfires. Bibles were baked into loaves of bread to keep them from the hands of God-hating leaders who wanted to destroy the Word of God. There are Bibles in scores of languages, and organizations are working to provide Bibles to the remotest tribes, so that they may have the Bible.

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The Bible is the book that contains the slogans of American freedom. William McKinley, president of the U.S. said, "The more profoundly we study this book and the more closely we observe its Divine precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be our destiny among the nations."

Benjamin Harrison said, "It is out of the Word of God that a system has come to make life sweet. If you will out of your statute books, your Constitution and your family life all that is taken from the Sacred Book, what would you have to bind society together?"

Robert E. Lee once said, "The Bible is a book in comparison with which all others are of minor importance, and which in my complexities and distresses has never failed to give me light and strength." Men like Washington, Webster and Lincoln say the

But the story of the Scriptures is the story of your redemption, and my redemption, through Jesus Christ. The Word of God teaches us of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible of Jesus Christ did not come preaching the gospel! Jesus Christ is the Gospel. The death, Christ, the burial of Christ and the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the gospel story, and without it you are lost.

The Word of God teaches that there is a hell; it teaches that there is a heaven. The way to heaven is by completely accepting and trusting Jesus Christ. The Word teaches us that, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." "The wages of sin is death," and "The soul that sinneth shall die!"

The Word of God tells us that the only way that man can bridge the gap between man and God is through Jesus Christ. Christ himself said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Today you can accept the Christ of the Bible, you can know peace of soul, peace of conscience, peace of mind, if you will let Christ come into your life, into your heart by faith!

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But if you will hide the story of the gospel from the minds of your fellow man, by using your Bible as a catch-all for mementos, if you will hide the story of salvation because you never opened your Bible.

Is there one here this morning who will have the courage of his convictions and take this Christ as your Savior, your Lord, your Friend, for life? Will you come to Christ this morning.

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