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DANIEL WEBSTER SAID:

I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the will and word of God. I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God. The miracles He wrought establish in my mind His personal authority and render it proper for me to believe whatever He asserts. I believe therefore, all of His declarations, as well as when He declares Himself the Son of God, as when He declares any other proposition. And I believe there is no other way of salvation than through the merits of His atonement.

WE ARE ALWAYS MAKING AN OFFERING

“We are always making an offering. If we do not give to God, we give to the devil. It is a continuous process going on all the time.” -Vance Havner. “**...Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat but have not enough; ye drink but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.**” ~*Habakkuk 1:5,6*. In Malachi God asks: “**Will a man rob God...**” (by not bringing Him tithes and offerings). Robbing God doesn't seem like a very good idea to me.

LUTHER'S WARNING

No greater mischief can happen to a Christian people than to have God's Word taken from them, or falsified, so that they no longer have it pure and clear. God grant we and our descendants be not witnesses of such a calamity.” Well, Luther's sound advice has largely been ignored by God's people down through the ages. Just think of the mischief that has been done to the Word of God and the people of God through all the modern bible versions. While it is very unpopular, let us stand upon the pure Word of God - the King James Version. May it be said of us: “**For we are not as many, which corrupt the Word of God...**” ~*II Corinthians 2:17*.

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY

A. W. Tozer wrote this more than fifty years ago: “Any objection to the carryings on of our present golden-calf Christianity is met with the triumphant reply, ‘But we are winning them!’ And winning them to what? To true discipleship? To cross carrying? To self-denial? To separation from the world? To crucifixion of the flesh? To holy living? To nobility of character? To a despising of the world and its treasures? To hard self-discipline? To love of God? To total committal to Christ? Of course, the answer to all these questions is No.” Ed. What would he say today? It's ten times worse and that is not only true of the Evangelicals but also Fundamentalists. Finding a believer who is truly “crucified with Christ” is not easy. What about YOU? We are reminded: “**A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.**”

SPINE AND SPIRIT

“**Daniel was preferred...because an excellent spirit was in him.**” ~*Daniel 6:3*. Spurgeon, when speaking on this passage told the true story of a class of children who were having a lesson on Daniel. One of the boys was asked to read this portion aloud. When he came to these words, he read: “Because there was an excellent *spine* in him.” Spurgeon said, while it was undoubtedly a bad reading, it was excellent theology because Daniel certainly was a man of real backbone!