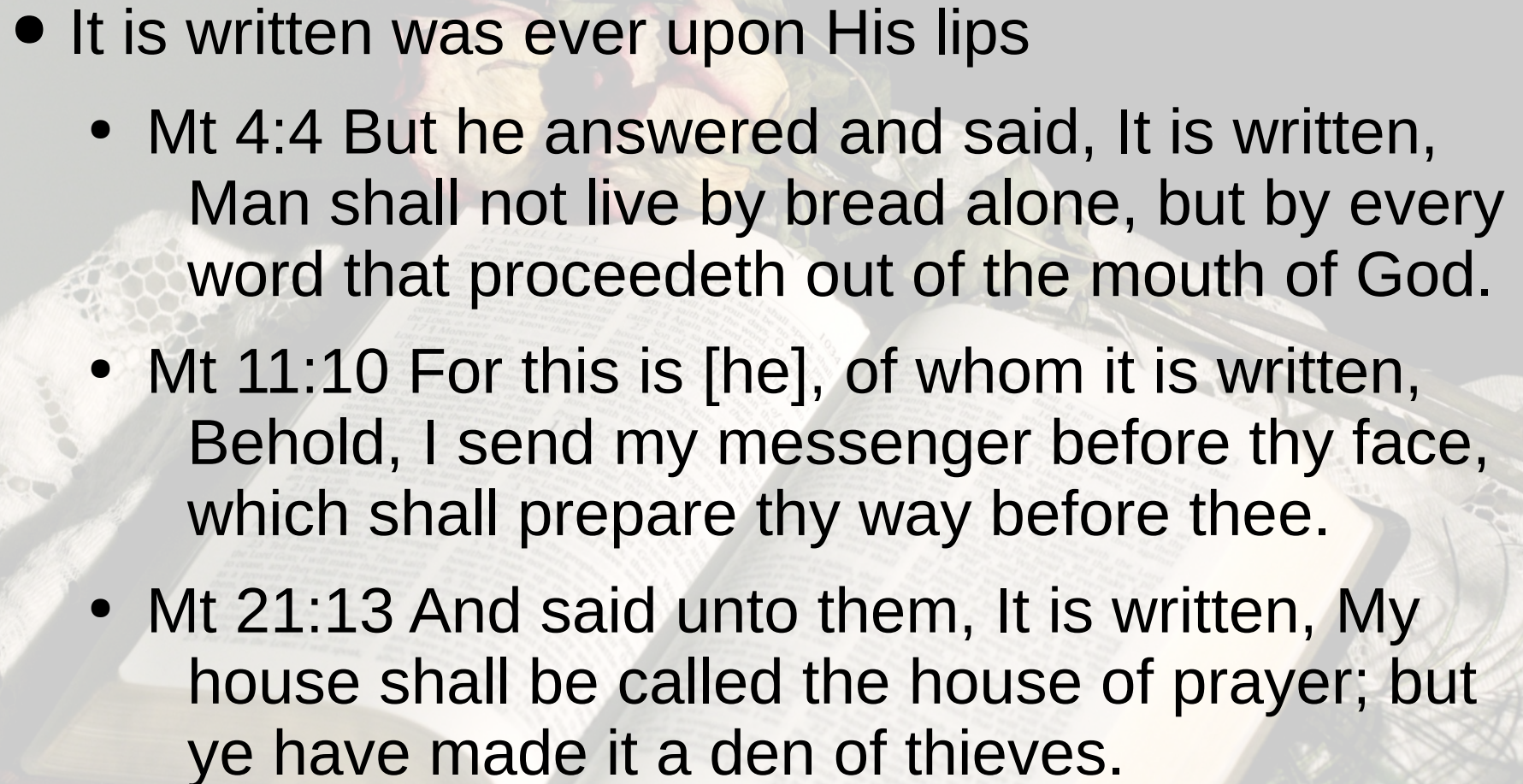


Conspiracy to Undermine the Scriptures

- The manna in the wilderness had a spiritual significance
 - “Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.” (Ex 16:4)

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- God wanted them to see the importance of explicit trust in Him and His word.
 - De 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every [word] that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

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- It is written was ever upon His lips
 - Mt 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
 - Mt 11:10 For this is [he], of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.
 - Mt 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Methods of Undermining the Bible

- Destruction of Bibles
 - Satan at first sought to destroy it, burning every copy possible
- Destruction of Faith in the Bible
 - But now he has formed a conspiracy to undermine faith in the Bible

Methods of Undermining Faith in the Bible

- Numerous Versions. He floods us with so many different versions we don't know what to trust.
- Homosexual bibles
- New age bibles with gnostic gospels
- Left handed Bibles
- Feminist Bibles
- Everyone using a different Bible

Methods of Undermining Faith in the Bible

- The Theory that Constantine gave us Bible
- Missing Bible Books theory – apocrypha, gnostic books

Methods of Undermining Faith in the Bible

- Higher criticism
 - Choosing what is inspired and what is not
 - Giving Scripture historical, poetic, or other significance only and its injunctions not applicable to us today
 - Or rejecting its historic accuracy
 - Dissecting its meaning based upon supposed grammar, ignoring the obvious meaning.

Methods of Undermining Faith in the Bible

- Higher criticism (continued)
- The work of Westcott and Hort is a prime example of higher criticism. They produced an entirely new text known as the critical text. This involved ignoring the vast majority of texts in the original languages and in numerous other languages, with their nearly harmonious readings, and creating an entirely new text based largely on a very small number of manuscripts (Vaticanus, Sinaiticus, Alexandrinus) clearly proven to have numerous much later insertions, changes and deletions, and and errors.

Methods of Undermining Faith in the Bible

- Seeming Contradictions
 - with Science
 - with history
 - with itself
- Misinterpreting into something ludicrous (quail 3 feet deep) instead of flying 3 feet above the ground

Methods of Undermining Faith in the Bible

- Questioning the authorship
- Surmising Doubt about the accuracy of the copyist or translator ***without evidence***
- Substituting the Authority of the Scripture with the Platonic system of doubt (especially in Education)
- Giving rise to liberalism

Platonic System

"In every sphere of investigation he [man] should begin with doubt, and the student will make the most rapid progress Who has acquired THE ART OF DOUBTING WELL"

by Frank S. Hoffman, professor of philosophy in one of America's leading theological schools: Living Fountains or Broken Cisterns p. 153

Result of Suppression of Scriptures

- The iniquity and spiritual darkness that prevailed under the supremacy of Rome were the inevitable result of her suppression of the Scriptures; but where is to be found the cause of the widespread infidelity, the rejection of the law of God, and the consequent corruption, under the full blaze of gospel light in an age of religious freedom? Now that Satan can no longer keep the world under his control by withholding the Scriptures, he resorts to other means to accomplish the same object. To destroy faith in the Bible serves his purpose as well as to destroy the Bible itself.

Philosophy of Liberalism

An open Bible is the central focus, resting on a white lace fabric. A single rose with green leaves is placed on top of the Bible. The background is a soft, out-of-focus natural setting with some greenery and a wooden surface.

- Disbelief in miracles
- Disbelief in prophecy
- Disbelief in the literal interpretation of Scripture
- Disbelief in the history of the Bible
- Disbelief in Creation

The conspiracy to Undermine the Scriptures

Methods of Undermining Faith in the Bible

- Theory that the new testament was not written in Greek
- Since there are no extant original manuscripts in any other language, it leads to theories and private interpretations about what might have been the original thought
- Stigmatizing Fundamentalists
 - This is mocking those that believe in a literal interpretation of literal passages of Scripture

Methods of Undermining the Bible

- Substituting
- signs, feelings, or "the spirit" in place of a thus saith the Lord
- Tongues, Healing, miracles, wonders
- Visions, dreams, directing us contrary to the word
- False prophets
- Deliverance ministries
- Prayer warriors
- Spiritualism, talking with spirit guides/angels

Methods of Undermining the Bible

- Treating it like any other book
- Approaching its study based upon our own feelings and thoughts. What I think it means?
- Corrupting manuscripts and texts
- Substituting tradition in the place of it
 - Mr 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

Methods of Undermining the Bible

- The theory that we can't understand the Bible so we should let the theologian study it or a prophet, or a church interpret it for us.

The Results of This Conspiracy

- Am 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:
- Am 8:12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find [it].

God's Promises

- Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.
- Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper [in the thing] whereto I sent it.

