

SESSION 05

The Doctrine of Holy Scripture Part 1

16 כִּי כָל־הַכְּתוּב נִכְתָּב בְּרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים גַּם־מוֹעִיל לְהוֹרֹת
17 וּלְהוֹכִיחַ וּלְיִשָּׁר וּלְיִסֹּר בַּצְּדָקָה: לְמַעַן אֲשֶׁר־יִהְיֶה אִישׁ
הָאֱלֹהִים תָּמִים וּמְהִיר לְכָל־מַעֲשֵׂה טוֹב:
ד לָכֵן אֲנִי מַעֲיִד בְּךָ נְגַד הָאֱלֹהִים וְנְגַד אֲדֹנָיִךְ יֵשׁוּעַ
הַמְּשִׁיחַ הַבָּא לְשַׁפֵּט אֶת־הַחַיִּים וְאֶת־הַמֵּתִים בְּהוֹפְעָתוֹ
2 וּבְמַלְכוּתוֹ: הִכַּרְתָּ אֶת־הַדְּבָר וְהִתְמַד בֵּין בְּעַתּוֹ בֵּין
שָׁלָא בְּעַתּוֹ הוֹכַח וְנִצֵּר וְהוֹדִיר בְּכָל־אַרְבָּעוֹת וְהוֹרָאָה:
3 כִּי־בּוֹא תָבֹא הָעֵת אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יָכִילוּ אֶת־הַלֵּקַח הַכָּרִיא
4 כִּי אִם־יָבֹאוּת נַפְשָׁם יִקְבְּצוּ קָהָם מוֹרִים לְשַׁעֲשְׂעֵי אֲזָנִים:
5 וַיִּטּוּ אֲזָנֵיהֶם מִן־הָאֱמֶת וַיִּפְּנוּ אֶל־הַהֲגָדוֹת: אֲכַל אַתָּה
הָיָה עַר בְּכָל סֶבֶל הַרְעוֹת וַעֲשֵׂה מֵלֹאכֶת הַמִּבְשָׁר

Instructor



Dr. Gene Haas grew up in Canada in a religious home but did not know the grace of salvation in Christ, after university, travelling in Europe for 8 months, Gene was converted to Christ at the age of twenty-two in the mountains of Switzerland. After returning to Canada, God led him to attend Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, where he earned the M.Div. and Th. M. degrees.

Returning to Canada, he was involved in a church plant, and taught at a Bible college for 4 years. During this time, he was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in America. He moved to Toronto where he completed a doctorate in theology at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. After that, he was a Church Planting pastor for 5 years. He then accepted a position as Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer University, Ontario, Canada, where he taught for 28 years. He has been married for 39 years, and has two sons, and grandchildren.

Since his retirement from teaching at Redeemer University, he has been busy with research and writing, as well as frequent preaching at a variety of churches. He is also Chairman of the committee of the Eastern Canada Presbytery which guides and examines all candidates for the pastoral ministry. He has a deep passion for instructing candidates in the Bible and in theology, and for relating the Christian faith to contemporary issues of North American culture, especially in the area of ethics.

Goals

In this course we aim to make theology accessible to you. You will discover what relevance has theology to you in your personal walk with Jesus and in your ministry regardless of whether it is public or private.

In this session you will begin to examine the first component of systematic theology- the Holy Scripture.

Sessions Overview

1. Introduction: What is theology?
2. Introductory topics – part 1
3. Introductory topics – part 2
4. Worldviews: the revelation, and our knowledge about God
5. **The doctrine of Holy Scripture – part 1**
6. The doctrine of Holy Scripture – part 2
7. Inspiration of Scripture

- 8. The scope, authority, and clarity of the Bible
- 9. The canon and the text of the Bible
- 10. Principals of biblical interpretation

Session Summary

God wants to reveal Himself to us. For this He gave us His word. He gave it through prophets and apostles who recorded it in the form of Scripture. He also gave it through sending His Son Jesus.

Fill in the Blanks

- 1. The Bible claims to be the _____ of God.
- 2. What are some of the occurrences where God reveals things directly to Moses?

- 3. After some time when God used Moses as His mouth piece, revealed His instructions, spoke to the people of Israel and established His covenant with them, He later establishes the office of a prophet for the purpose of _____

- 4. Many of the first prophets in the Bible, upon receiving a word from the Lord, used the expression: “The word of the Lord _____ to me.”
- 5. True prophets speak and write only what God reveals to them. Not what the people _____ hear.
- 6. In the early accounts of the kings of Israel, false prophets were identified by telling the kings _____
- 7. Where is Jesus recorded, in the Bible, referring to the Scripture as valuable, prophetic, or as a source of authority?

- 8. How does John the Baptist describe the relations between Jesus and the word of God in John chapter 1?

9. If the word of God is His revelation to us, and Jesus is the Word of God, what is the role Jesus is taking in coming in the flesh to earth?

10. How does Peter describe the writings of Paul in 2 Peter that makes them so unique?
