

SESSION 07 Inspiration of Scripture

י כְּלְּהַכְּתוֹב נִבְּתָּב בְּרוֹחַ צֵּלֹהִים נֵם־מוֹעִיל לְהוֹרֹח וּלְהוֹבִית וּלְיִשׁר וּלְיָשׁר נִבְּצָּדֶל; לְמַצֵּן אֲשֶׁר־יְדָּיָה אִשׁ הְּצֵּלְהוֹב תָּמִים וּמְהִיר לְכָלֹ־מִצְשֶׁה מוֹב:

לְבֵן אָנִי מֵצִיד בְּךְ נָגֶּד הְצֵּלְהִים וְנָגֶד אֲדֹנֵינוּ וֵשׁוּצִּ

בְּמִלְּכוּתוֹ: הַבְּתְ לִשְׁפֹּט אֶת־הַחַיִּיִם וְאֶת־הַמֵּתִים בְּהוֹפְעָתוֹ

בְּמִלְכוּתוֹ: הַבְּרֵוֹ אֶת־הַדְּיָרְ וְהַוְּהֵר בְּכְלֹ־אֹרְדְּ־רוֹחַ וְהוֹרָאָה:

עִּלֹא בְעִתוֹ הוֹכָח וּנְצֵר וְהַוְהֵר בְּכְלֹ־אֹרְדְ־רוֹחַ וְהוֹרָאָה:

בְּיִבוֹא הָבֹא הָצֶת אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יְכִילוּ אֶת־הַלֶּכְקְח הַבְּרִיא:

בְּיֹשׁר אָוְנִיהֶם מִן־הָאֶמֶת וְיִפְנוּ אֶלֹּ־הָהַנְּדוֹת: אֲבָל אַתָּה

Basic Bible Doctrine 1

Introduction, Revelation & Inspiration, the Bible & Hermeneutics



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 we will answer the question: Who wrote the Bible, God or men? What is 'inspiration of the Bible'? Can the Bible be trusted?

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

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- 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

The question asked is: what is the relationship between the Holy Spirit as author and the human authors of the Bible? Is the Bible 100% errors free? Who wrote it? Could the authors have made mistakes?

Fill in the Blancs 1. Right or wrong: There are books in the Bible that humans wrote, and other parts that God the Holy Spirit initiated. RIGHT / WRONG 2. "God works through human (natural) causes, to produce 3. The Bible says that _____ Scripture is inspired (2 Timothy 3:16). 4. Right or wrong: Everything that claimed to be a revelation from the Holy Spirit can be either backed up or otherwise refuted by the Holy Scripture. RIGHT / WRONG 5. Wight or wrong: when we speak of inspiration, we mean God always spoke audible words to the authors as they were putting the text down on paper. RIGHT / WRONG 6. How can the expression "moved by the spirit/wind", that Paul is using both in 2 Peter 1:21 and in Acts 27:15ff, explain inspiration? 7. Which biblical author used historical research to compose the Holy Scripture? 8. Where is it written? 9. Why can we trust the Bible to be without error, and what Scripture itself say to support that? List as many arguments as you can.



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