

BBC UPDATE

SABBATH/ SUNDAY WORSHIP



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SABBATH WORSHIP

The Lord GOD rested on the “*seventh day*” (50x) of the creation week, prefiguring Israel’s responsibility as a new nation both in the OT, and in the Millennium, and ultimately in LORD. The following are relevant passages:

1. “*And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made*” (Gen. 2:2-3).
2. “*Fear and dread shall fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone; till thy people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased*” (Ex. 15:16).
3. “*And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel*” (Ex. 19:6).
4. “*Thus saith the Lord GOD; The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened*” (Ezk. 46:1).
5. “*There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God*” (Heb. 4:9).

SUNDAY WORSHIP

As the LORD gave His new nation Israel the Sabbath for physical and spiritual rest, He gave His new movement called Christianity Sunday (on Pentecost) as the day for physical and spiritual service. The Ceremonial Law (including Sabbath-keeping) was abolished at the Cross and now a new day for the New Man was established and practiced. Sunday is called the Lord’s Day and honors the Lord’s Resurrection. Paul warned that Christians should not be drawn back into Judaism. Sunday points to the ultimate rest in the Lord.

1. “*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place*” (Act 2:1-12).
2. “*Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*” (Col. 2:14).
3. “*Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace*” (Eph. 2:15).
4. “*I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet*” (Rev. 1:10).

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5. *“In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre”* (Mt. 28:1).
6. *“The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre”* (Jn. 20:1).
7. *“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come”* (I Cor. 16:2).
8. *“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight”* (Acts 20:7).
9. *“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ”* (Col. 2:16-17).

CONCLUSION

When the LORD created the **New Nation of Israel** He gave them the **Sabbath for Worship**. When He created the **New Man Christianity** He gave them **Sunday for Worship**. During the Millennium Worship will revert back to true Judaism as the LORD will be worshipped accordingly by the Holy Nation.

On Friday, April 17, 2020, BBC will host the eleventh annual BBTS Spring Lecture Series entitled:

“I will joy in the God of my salvation”

BIBLICAL SOTERIOLOGY

Dr. Thomas Strouse will deal with the biblical doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology), including the doctrine of Man (Anthropology), and the doctrine of Sin (Hamartiology). Soteriology will focus on need for salvation, the conditions for salvation, the Person of salvation, the terms relating of salvation, the fruit of salvation, and the Book of Life, which understanding refutes theological systems such as Calvinism and Arminianism. Anthropology will describe the origin, character, unity, constitution, and fall of man. Hamartiology will cover the character, terms, definition, origin, universality, and extent of sin and its remedy. The Lectures will be held at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell, CT. A book table will be available and a luncheon will be provided at Bible Baptist Church.

BBTS SPRING SEMESTER SCHEDULE

STARTING JANUARY 27, 2020

MONDAY ~ 9 AM to Noon
Ezekiel with Dr. Strouse

TUESDAY ~ 6-9 PM
Ezekiel with Dr. Strouse

THURSDAY ~ 6-9 PM
Malachi with Prof. Skorupski



Pastor Cas Reeves

CONTENTMENT

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

Hebrews 13:5

Today, the goal of many people is the accumulation of property. It is refreshing to remember what God tells his children about being content *"with such things as ye have."* This is hard for men to do. It goes against his very nature of want. However, God makes it clear that we are to live *"without covetousness."* This means *"without ill gain of property"* or *"love for gain of property."* Our life is not to major on, or to seek immorally or with wrong motive gain of property.

From our text we learn that God wants us to be living contented. This contentment is rooted in Christ's ever presence with us, rather than in the temporal nature of things. This is *"so that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper"* (Hebrews 13:6). Now that we are saved, our confidence is in Christ. Therefore, as Christians, we should find our contentment in our Savior Jesus Christ.

To young Timothy, Paul wrote, *"But godliness with contentment is great gain"* (1 Timothy 6:6). The emphasis is on godliness--having an attitude and action which speaks of personal holiness and piety toward God. Godliness, accompanied with being content, God calls a *"great gain."* The Greek word means, an *"exceedingly big acquisition."*

If we have food and raiment, we are told to be content. (1 Timothy 6:8). The reason given: *"we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out"* (1 Timothy 6:7). Our God has promised to take care of our needs (Matthew 6:33). Putting the Lord first is godliness and brings satisfaction or contentment to our lives, which is *"great gain."* -CAR

Quotes From the Past:

**Desiderius Erasmus
Roterodamus**

1466-1536

Dutch Renaissance Theologian



"If you keep thinking about what you want to do or what you hope will happen, you don't do it, and it won't happen."

GROW IN GRACE

DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN

WISE OR FOOL

Psalm 107:17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

Reflection: The Bible says a lot about ‘fools’, certainly it would not be something desirable for anyone to be called a fool, especially by the Lord. When you read the following verses what are some characteristics of the fool?

Psalm 14:1 [[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.]] The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.

Proverbs 14:9 Fools make a mock at sin: but among the righteous there is favour.

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 12:15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

Proverbs 10:18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, and he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

Challenge: Spend some time in Proverbs today and find some characteristics of the wise person. What will you apply today?

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On Saturday, February 29th, a bridal shower was held for Amanda Gagnon who is marrying Mark Reeves on May 30, 2020. Michelle Reeves, Amanda’s future mother-in-law, gave a biblical devotional on how to “bee” a happy wife, God’s way. About twenty five ladies, both family and friends were in attendance. It was a blessing to all who came. Please pray for this young couple as they prepare for their big day.



Left: Michelle Reeves giving her Biblical words of advice to Amanda

Below: Everyone loved the delicious desserts.



Wonderful fellowship



Above: Amanda with her sister Sophia, the host of the shower

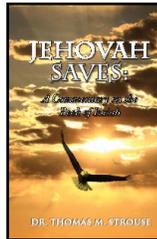
Right: the bride to be received many generous gifts



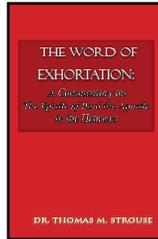
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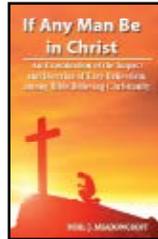
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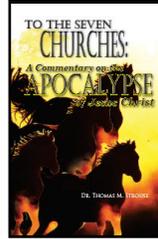
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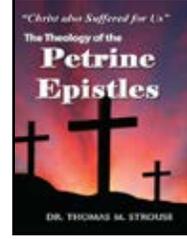
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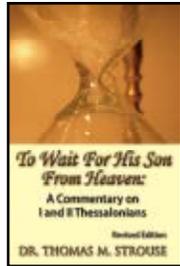
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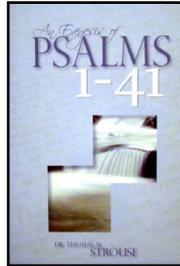
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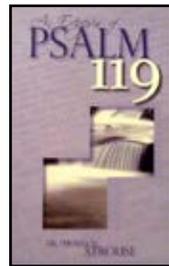
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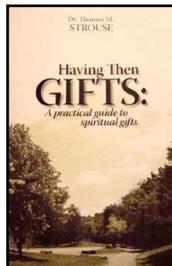
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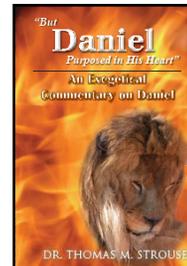
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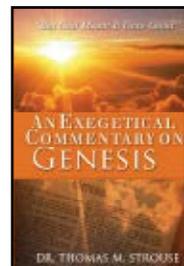
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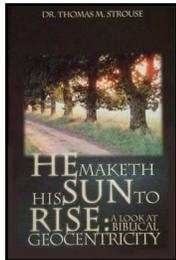
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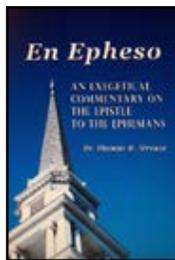
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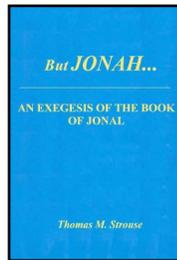
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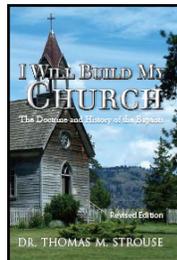
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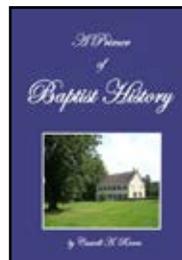
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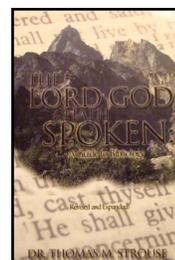
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Apr. 17
BBTS Spring Lecture Series

May 30
Gagnon-Reeves Wedding

May 17
BBTS Graduation

Jun. 8-12
Quakertown, PA
"Eschatology"

Jun 22-26
Quezon City
"Ecclesiastes"

July 20-24
Plymouth, NH
"The History of the English Bible"

Aug 24-28
Fairhaven Baptist Church
"Minor Prophets"

Sept 7
Labor Day Cookout
Strouse House

Sept 14-18
BBC of Nashua, NH
"Bibliology"

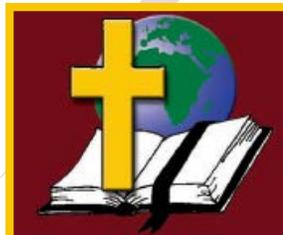
Oct 6-17
Israel Tour

Oct 25-28
Willow Grove Baptist Church
"Timeless Truths Bible Conference"

Nov 13
BBTS Fall Lecture Series

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