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FALL 2025 BBTS LECTURE SERIES

On November 7, 2025, some twelve independent Baptist Churches attended the Fall 2025 Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Lecture Series at Galilean Baptist Church in Stafford Springs, CT as the Lord blessed the teaching of and fellowship with about ninety-five Baptist pastors and church members. Baptist churches from CT, MA,

ME, NH, NY, PA and TN, were blessed as the *Book of Job* was unfolded, examining “Who is the Upright Man Called Job?” Drs. Thomas M. Strouse and M. Ryan Strouse dealt with exposés on the key passage of Jehovah’s condemnation of hyper-critic Job who criticized Jehovah’s Creation and Creatures, and obliquely Jehovah (Job 40:8-14)!



Quite often the main protagonist in the *Book of Job* is considered a “righteous victim” who has been targeted by Satan. NO, Job was a son of Adam and identified with the rest of the race of man which victimized the perfect and upright Lord Jesus Christ, “*without a cause*” (Jn. 15:25), and sent Him to the Cross! We are not the poor righteous victims or martyrs targeted by Satan in this fallen world where we can deflect by blaming and criticizing others! We are all “Job” waiting for “*the end of the Lord*” as He purges us from self-pride and self-reliance! Self-reflection and self-correction is “*the end of the Lord*” for each one of us. If our reaction is “I know a lot of “Jobs”” or “I want to start studying dinosaurs like leviathan,” we have missed the essence of the *Book of Job*.

The purpose of the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Lecture Series is to expound Scriptures with associated syllabi to instruct Baptist pastors and church members in the Word of God for long lasting results. Paul taught through

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LECTURE SERIES CONCLUSION

preaching and writing truth for the benefit of the Lord's disciples. He said to Timothy, "*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also*" (II Tim. 2:2). Contrastively, there is a place for preaching conferences, and while not denigrating preaching, it seems too often that the preaching conferences invoke "sugar stick" messages from pastors and evangelists with their favorite memorized sermons that may be challenging and even entertaining, but with short lived results!

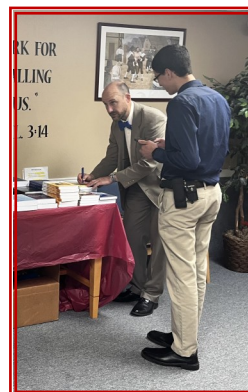
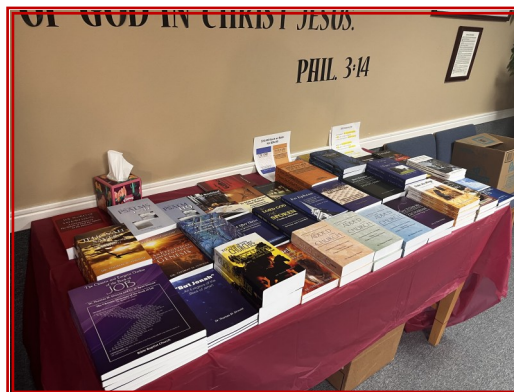


BBTS faculty with the pastors who attended the Lecture Series

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BBC members ministered through music, with the choir singing "Seeking the Lost."



The voluminous book table was run by Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh.



Dr. M. Ryan Strouse

EXCERPT FROM “JEHOVAH DISMANTLES JOB”

“King over all the children of pride”

Were there any creatures more superior, dominant, and invulnerable than Leviathan? Leviathan was the ultimate embodiment of pride in the natural world; however, the LORD used Leviathan to mirror Job’s self-righteous and beastly pride. Leviathan reigned over the animals, and Job reigned over men in self-righteous pride. Interestingly, the LORD opened the Leviathan account with the question “*Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook?*” (Job 41:1). The Hebrew root verb behind “draw out” is *mashac*, which simply means “to pull, drag, draw-up.” Jeremiah 38:13 gives a solid understanding of the word, “*so they drew up Jeremiah with cords...*” As well, Jeremiah 31:3 states, “*...with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*” The verb speaks of drawing something out with physical or emotional force.

Just as Job cannot draw out Leviathan, Job’s equally self-righteous friends were unable to draw out Job from his self-righteous pride (Job 32:1). The LORD in His infinite and sovereign Wisdom is the only One who can draw out the deep recesses of man’s self-deceived hearts and minds (Ps.139:1). Drawing out the deep waters of the heart through examples, metaphors, and questioning allows the LORD to expose and illuminate areas that require repentance.¹

Leviathan’s characteristics of self-righteous pride:

- Unable to be drawn out – 41:1
- Cannot be tamed – 41:2
- Does not ask for help – 41:3 “*Will he make many supplications unto thee?*”

¹ Proverbs 20:5 states, “*Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; But a man of understanding will draw it out.*” The Hebrew root word behind “draw it out” is *dalah* that means “to pull out water.” It is found five times in the MT and rendered “drew water enough” (Ex. 2:19), “lifted” (Ps. 30:1), “drew water” (Ex. 2:16), and “draw out” (Prov. 20:5).

EXCERPT CONCLUSION

- Does not speak soft words – 41:3
- Unapproachable – 41:10 “*None is so fierce that dare stir him up*”
- Defense mechanism: 41:15-17 “*His scales are his pride*”
- Out of his mouth went burning lamps and sparks of fire – 41:18-20 (cf. Jam. 3:5-7)
- The best weapons could not touch him – 41:26-33

Job’s characteristics of self-righteous pride:

- Unable to be drawn out of his self-righteousness – Job 29:14
- Cannot be tamed – Job 32:1
- Does not ask for help or deal kindly with others – Job 16:2-4, 19:13-19
- Only wanted an appeal from God – Job 13:3, 14:13-15
- Does not speak soft words – 41:3 → critical of others (Job 40:10-14)
- Unapproachable and God needed to approach him on his terms – Job 4:1-5
- Defense mechanism: his own righteousness² > Job 29:14 “*I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: My judgment was as a robe and a diadem.*”
- Out of Job’s mouth went fiery indignation of his uprightness – Job 12:2-3
- Only God could draw Job out and pierce his heart of pride – Job 42:5

² What clothes cover you? Since sin entered the world through Adam, man has sought to cover his fear, guilt, and shame with fig leaves of self-reliance (Gen. 3:7). Nevertheless, God has always provided a way for man to be covered by the robes of righteousness of His dear Son, the Lamb of God (Gen. 3:21). Man seeks to cover himself in filthy rags of self-righteousness (Isa. 64:4-6); however, through faith in Christ, we are covered by His robes of righteousness (Isa. 61:10). Zech. 3:3-6 reveals the exchange of Christ taking our sin and giving us His robes (II Cor. 5:21). Sadly, as seen at Golgotha, man rejects Christ’s robes of righteousness in lieu of material gain (Mt. 27:31, 35).

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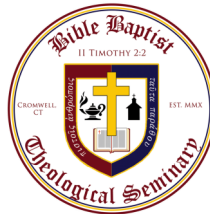


On December 21, 2025, at 12:15 PM,
BBC will be honoring Christ with
Scripture and **Biblical songs**.



BBTS FALL SEMESTER

Beginning August 25, 2025
Monday (6-9 PM)
Galatians
Dr. M. Ryan Strouse



Beginning August 28, 2025
Thursday (6-9 PM)
Hebrew/Greek
Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

BBC/BBTS 2025-2026 SCHEDULE

December 7, 2025
16th Anniversary Banquet
Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell

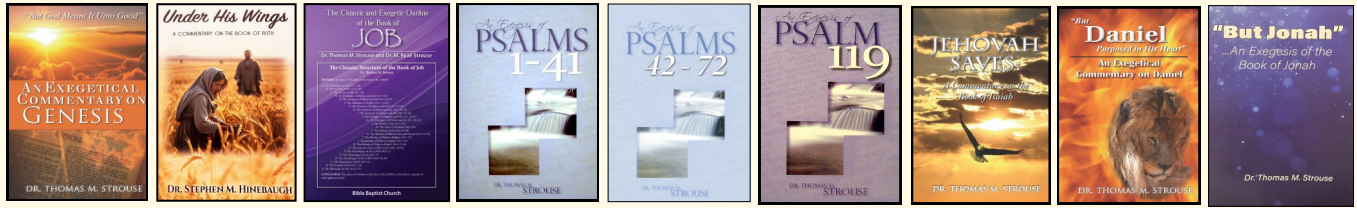
December 21, 2025
Christmas Cantata
Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell

January 5-9, 2026
Ireland Module
Hebrew Exegesis

January 12-16, 2026
Fairhaven Baptist College
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The Book of Job

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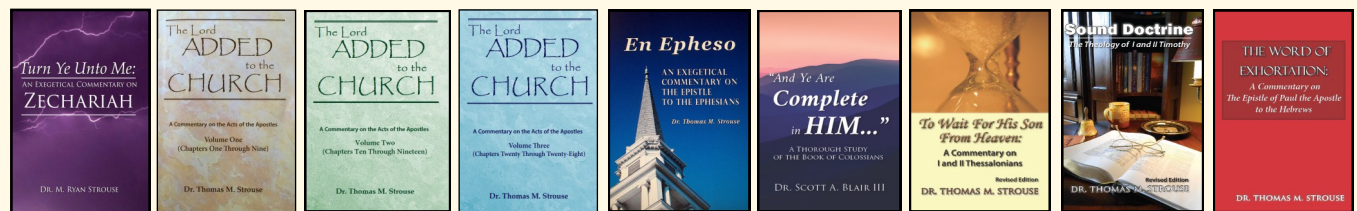
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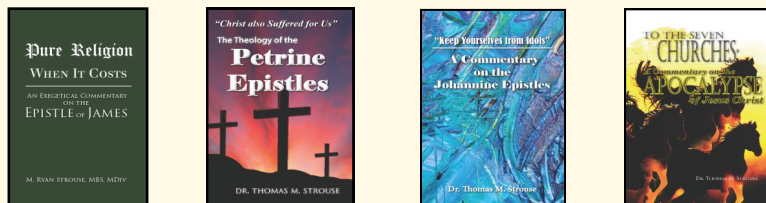
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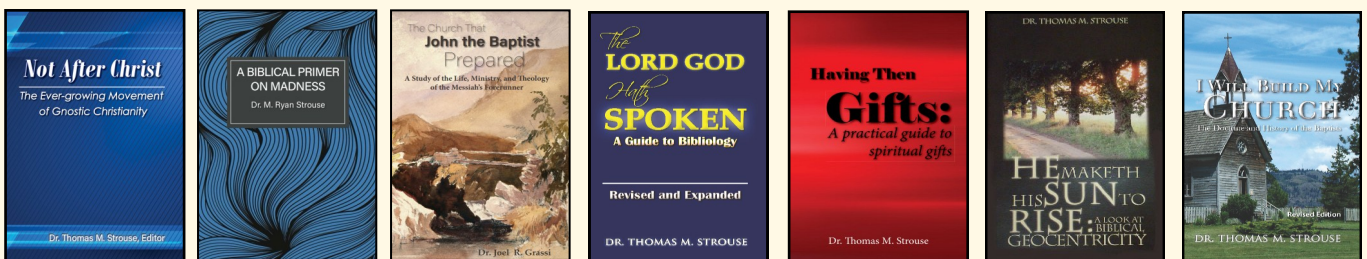


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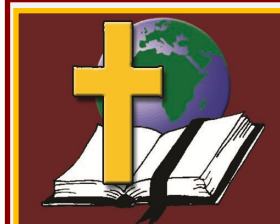
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