



BBC UPDATE

ORDINATION COUNCIL AND SERVICE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

Acts 14:23

On Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, Dr. M. Ryan Strouse was examined by the men of Bible Baptist Church concerning his testimony of salvation, his call to the pastoral ministry, his qualifications for the pastorate, and his doctrinal statement. After a series of questions from the elders of Bible Baptist Church, Pastor Thomas M. Strouse and Pastor Darrell Nelson, as well as from the men of Bible Baptist Church, the church council unanimously affirmed that Bible Baptist Church should go forward with laying hands on Dr. M. Ryan Strouse for the office of Elder, Bishop, and Pastor. On Sunday, Nov. 17, 2024, Bible Baptist Church heard the biblical challenge from Pastor Dr. Thomas M. Strouse from Acts 14:23 on the Cause, Consecration, and Commendation of Pastoral Ordination. Bible Baptist Church received and affirmed the decision of the Council to proceed with laying on of the hands by the Bible Baptist Church men, with prayers, and with the presentation of the Ordination Certificate to Elder/Bishop/Pastor Dr. M. Ryan Strouse. Prayer was made for Pastor M. Ryan Strouse and his wife Christy and their children Jack, Landon, Preston, Bryce, and Claire. The church was in “one accord” and praised the precious Lord Jesus Christ!

One of the great blessings from the LORD God to any biblical Baptist assembly is for Him to raise up servants of Christ who are open to the will of God for the pastorate. We need to pray for the Lord to continue to work through His Word in the hearts of men qualified for the pastorate in the Lord’s churches.



ORDINATION COUNCIL



Pastors Strouse and Nelson question Ryan.



The audience listens to Ryan's answers.



The Ordination Council

ORDINATION SERVICE



Pastor Nelson reads the council's decision



Pastors Strouse and family



Celebration Cake



Laying of hands



Christy and Claire

THE PRESERVATION OF OSTRICH EGGS AND SCRIPTURE



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Jehovah excoriated the perfect and upright Job with the question “*Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?*” (Job 38:2). He asked the man of God with a series of questions that left Job dumbfounded. One series of rebukes dealt with the ostrich and her eggs. God queried, saying, “*Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks? or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not hers: her labour is in vain without fear; Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath he imparted to her understanding. What time she lifteth up herself on high, she scorneth the horse and his rider*” (Job 39:13-18). The point of the passage is that the ostrich does not care about that which should be very important to her. The ostrich is a poor parent. She is unconcerned about the welfare of her offspring by leaving and forgetting her eggs, hardened in her attitude, and flies away. In spite of her lack of wisdom and understanding, the ostrich is not extinct, but preserved through the centuries by the Lord! Many of us are not around the ostrich or think of the creature regularly. Nevertheless, we are thankful that the Lord cares sufficiently about the bird that He has preserved her lineage through the ages! What else does the Lord Jesus Christ care about and has preserved through the ages?

Certainly the LORD cares about His creation and creatures, including animals and mankind. But God also cares about the preservation of His inspired Scriptures! Just as the wisest of the wise sages in the past, such as Job, needed a reminder about God’s care for the ostrich egg, so the highly esteemed Bible “Scholars” and Text Critics from the elitist seminaries in America and Europe need a reminder about that for which Jehovah God cares and preserves! Doctor Text Critic, do you “*darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge*”? Where are your Bible verses, whether in the Hebrew, Aramaic, or Greek, which say “*thou shalt **not** keep them,*” or “*heaven and earth shall pass away and **so will my words***”? Or which say, “*Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast **not** founded them for ever*”? Or which say, “*Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous*



judgments endureth not for ever”? The Text Critics behind the Critical Text of the New Testament and the consequent weak modern versions such as the NAS, NIV, NET, or the darling ESV, have no biblical foundation

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postulating that God did not preserve His Words and that He needed Text Critics to restore what He purposefully did not preserve! How did the LORD preserve a portion of His words which Jeremiah threw in the Euphrates (Jer. 51:62-64), for example?

Mr. world-renown Bible Scholar and Text Critic, you would not know definitively that the Lord cares for the ostrich egg and has preserved her lineage without reading this truth in the perfectly preserved Scripture. Likewise, you would not know that the Lord has promised to preserve His words forever without the abundant scriptural promises. Since you have rejected these Bible promises, you are further down in the depth of “darkness” than ancient Job!

Consider this scenario: The Textual Critic says to the God, “Do You think You should preserve Your inspired Words?” The Lord says, “Nah, you work on it.”

What do you think about that?

BBC/BBTS 2024-2025 SCHEDULE

December 15

15th Anniversary Banquet
Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell

January 6-10, 2025

Ireland Module
Greek III & Psalms 1-41

Jan. 13-17, 2025

Fairhaven Baptist College
Psalms 42-72

February 10-14, 2025

Philippine Module
Quezon City
Psalms 45-72

April 11, 2025

BBTS Spring Lecture Series
Galilean Baptist Church
Stafford Springs, CT
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May 17-18, 2025

BBTS Banquet and Graduation
Bible Baptist Church, Cromwell, CT

May 26-30, 2025

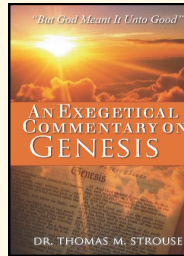
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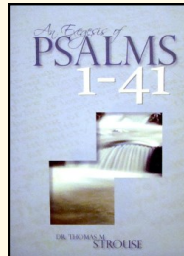
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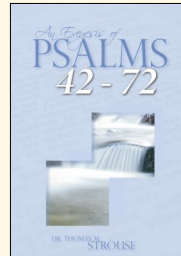
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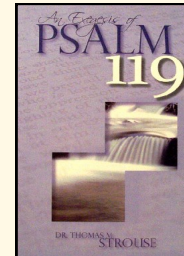
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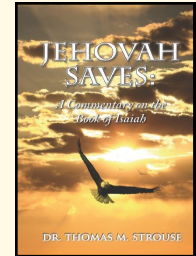
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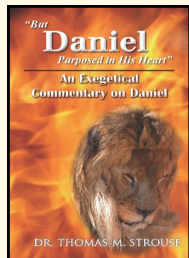
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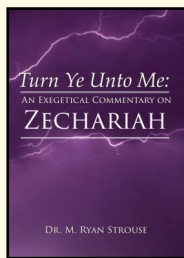
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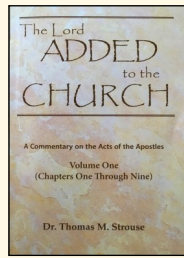
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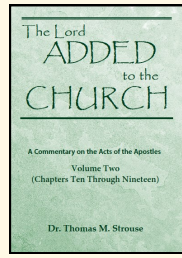
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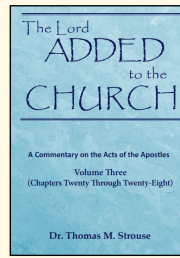
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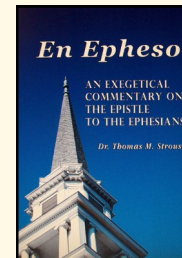
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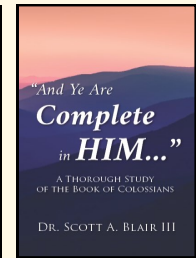
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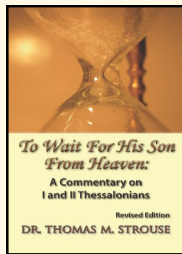
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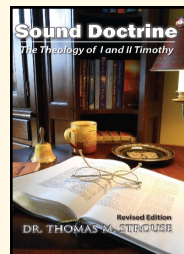
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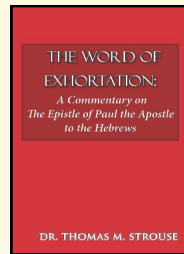
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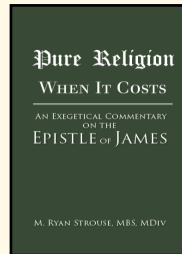
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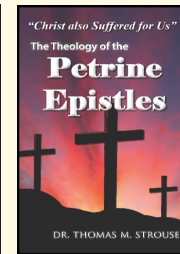
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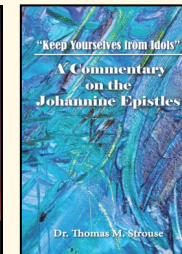
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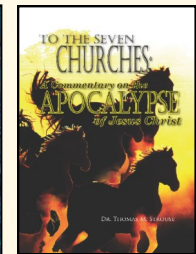
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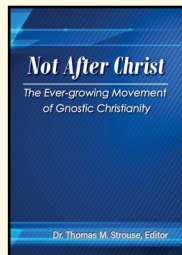
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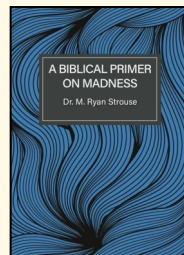
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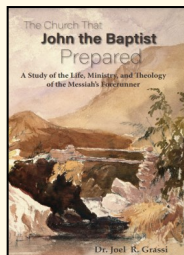
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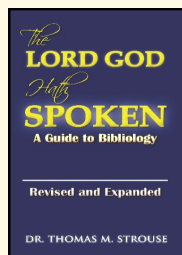
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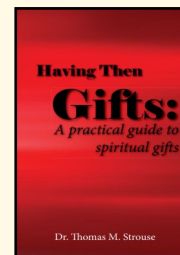
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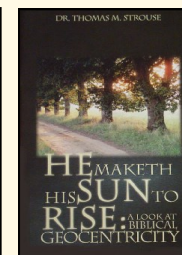
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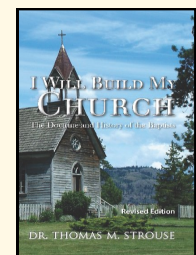
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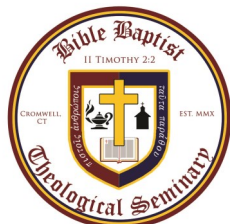


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