



# BBC UPDATE

## Fall Lecture Series

Dr. Thomas Strouse



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On Friday, November 9, 2012, BBC will host its 3rd Annual BBTS Lecture Series dealing with the theme of "Biblical Worship." The preachers will be in this order, Pastor Steven Bates dealing with "Biblical Preaching in Worship" (9-10:30 AM), Dr. Thomas Strouse "False Worship within Christianity" (10:45 AM-12 Noon), and Pastor Cas Reeves "Heavenly Music in Worship" (1-3 PM). Many of the Lord's independent Baptist assemblies have Roman Catholic, Protestant, Charismatic or Emergent Church practices without even knowing it. As the gospel light in America grows dimmer and the prospects of religious freedom questionable, it behooves the Lord's churches to become brighter and bolder with NT truth. Let's focus on perpetuating the truth in preaching, in polity and practice, and in music until the Lord returns! Breakfast snacks (8-8:30 AM) and lunch (12-1 PM) will be available at Bible Baptist Church, 40 Country Squire Rd., Cromwell, CT 06416. However, the Lecture Series will be held **the Courtyard by Marriott**, 4 Sebethe Dr., Cromwell, CT 06416. There will be a book table at the Marriott. Please RSVP immediately if not already.

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Bible Baptist Theological Seminary presents

### The Third Annual Fall Lecture Series

## "Biblical Worship"

Pastor Cas Reeves  
*"Heavenly Music in Worship"*



Pastor Cas Reeves

**Friday,  
November 9, 2012**

**9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Courtyard by Marriott**  
4 Sebethe Dr.  
Cromwell, CT 06416

Pastor Steven Bates

*"Biblical Preaching in Worship"*



Pastor Steven Bates

Dr. Thomas Strouse

*"False Worship within Christianity"*



Dr. Thomas M. Strouse

Lunch will be provided  
with free-will offering.  
A book table will be available with  
relevant material.

RSVP by November 2, 2012 with  
total number in your party.  
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November 1, 2012

# BBTS MINISTRY REPORT

*BBTS conducted a module class, TH 715 - The Study of Islam, in Iloilo, Philippines in September. The class was taught by BBTS adjunct professor Emmanuel Tanierla. We received this note of thanks and report from Pastor Tanierla.*

Warm greetings from GBBC - Iloilo City, Philippines,

The Module 715 - The Study of Islam is a must need in the Philippines today. In the Philippines, Islam is now scattered all over and is becoming powerful, even influencing the political life of our country. The students were grateful and thankful for this special class on Islam.

My wife and I graduated in Islamic studies in June of 2006 at Horizon International Studies on Islam. This study is equivalent to two years studies on Islam, but we only took it for one month having morning, afternoon and evening sessions. My encounter with Muslims started in late 1989 through my seaman's ministry. Through this ministry I have seen a good number of them (Muslims) come to Christ, one of which is a 3rd. Engineer from Bangladesh who corresponds with me, informing of his growth in the Christian faith. I was totally exposed to the Muslim religion when I went to the Middle East. Since then, it one of my burdens to train pastors and encourage churches to look beyond the Muslims, one of the most neglected group of people, who belong to Islamic faith. I thank God for the good response coming from the pastors and workers who took the class.

There were two new students, Pastor Leonel Raffles, the missionary in Indonesia and Pastor Laurence Macabanti, a local missionary sent out by pastor Tito Manguilimutan.

All the students are expressing their sincere thanks to you Dr. Strouse, to BBC and to everyone to in one way had been part of this special ministry.

May I just express my thanks and gratefulness to BBC-Cromwell, Connecticut for your love, kindness and help. Thank you very much. Dr. Strouse thank you.

God bless!

In Christ,

Pastor Tanierla



*BBTS Module class TH 715 – Study of Islam*

*After our lunch, before each and every student departs for their respective places, we had fellowship, testimony, singing and special numbers*



*Above: Pastor Leonel Raffles, a new student who is missionary to Indonesia giving his testimony*



*Above: Pastor Brainard Totica, Pastor Leonel Raffles, Pastor Ira Tanierla, and Pastor George Totica giving their special number*



*Above and Left: Student taking the TH 715 – Study of Islam, classroom interaction*





# The Ruler and the Nation

Dr. Thomas Strouse, Pastor

## SERMON

### Introduction

The Book of Proverbs gives pithy, gnomic truths that are easy to understand and applicable to all situations in life. Although Solomon wrote Proverbs to his son in the tenth century BC, the wisdom he inscripturated transcends the time and nation of ancient Israel. All peoples of all times may glean from Solomon's verities for application to their respective situations. Even Americans should take heed to and actively embrace the truths that King Solomon enunciated about the ruler and his nation.

For instance, in Proverbs 29 Solomon gave several timeless principles that Christians must acknowledge and perpetuate through private and corporate prayer, citizenship responsibility, and local church illumination.

**First**, he stated, saying, *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn"* (Pro. 29:2). A governed people must require and obtain public leaders who are righteous in person and practice. The only way human government, originally ordained by God (Gen. 9:5-6), can function properly, is that it is built upon biblical righteousness and is carried out by those who are righteous.

**Second**, Solomon observed, saying, *"The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it"* (Pro. 29:7). Only righteous people have a proper perspective on giving spiritual, social, and economic help to the poor (who will always be around according to the Saviour [cf. Mt. 26:11]). The wicked only want to enslave and control the poor, as the unrighteous advantaged in society always want to do with the disadvantaged.

**Third**, Solomon averred, saying, *"If a ruler hearken to lies, all his servants are wicked"* (Pro. 29:12). Clearly, the sage revealed that behavior goes from top down in government. Those who permit and follow leaders who are dishonest and deceptive are complicit in the leader's sins.

### Conclusion

American Christians, with biblical discernment, are praying for the United States Government to have righteous leaders so that they can have a biblically spiritual, social, and economic approach, especially in dealing with the poor. Leaders who are dishonest, deceptive, purposefully ambiguous, and devoid of righteous character must be prayed against and voted against. American Christians need to put feet to their prayers for a righteous governmental administration and vote accordingly. Paul instructed saying, *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty"* (1 Tim. 2:1-2). Whose principles, policies, and practices will give the Lord's New Testament assemblies *"a quiet and peaceable life"* to carry out the Great Commission?



Mr. and Mrs. Erickson singing at BBC



Beautiful fall foliage around BBC.



## DEVOTIONAL CORNER

### Do Good

Pastor Cas Reeves



Pastor Cas Reeves

*"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10).*

This is a promise of successful achievement for those who continue in well doing and don't give up by reason of weariness. To plant an acre of corn by hand is a wearisome or tiresome task; and yet, for every kernel of corn planted a hundred fold are produced. We have a "therefore" in verse 10, which is calling us to think about, *"whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"* (Galatians 6:7-10). So then, we need to be sowing that which the Bible calls "good" and that which is authored in the scriptures as "good" by the Spirit of God.

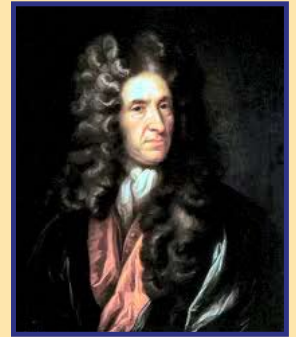
God wants us to behave in a good [morally excellent] manner: honest, genuine, and upright "unto all men, especially unto them of the household of faith" (vs.10). To be considerate, provoking one another *"unto love and good works"* (Hebrews 10:24). Two of those good works are mentioned: 1) the good work of *"not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together"* and 2) the good work of exhorting [encouraging] one another: and so much more as ye see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:25).

It is important for Christians to do good. But doing good does not save a person from the penalty of their sin. Touching on the merit of salvation, God says, *"there is none that doeth good, no, not one"* (Romans 3:12). *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life"* (Titus 3:5-7). -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

Daniel Defoe  
1659-1731

English Journalist  
Author of  
Robinson Crusoe

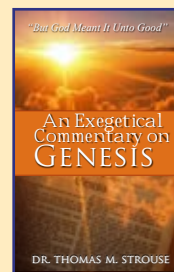


Daniel Defoe

*"All our discontents  
about what we want ap-  
pear to me to spring from  
the want of thankfulness  
for what we have."*

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## First Day Worship

Dr. Thomas Strouse, Pastor

## ARTICLE

### I. Seventh Day Adventist Arguments

#### A. OT Commands

1. *"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Ex. 20:8).*
2. *"Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people" (Ex. 31:14).*
3. *"Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant" (Ex. 31:16).*
4. *"And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy" (Neh. 13:22).*

#### B. NT Never Rescinded Sabbath Worship

1. *"And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read" (Lk. 4:16).*
2. *"But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down" (Acts 13:4).*

### II. Biblical Statements for First Day Worship

#### A. Problems with Seventh Day Practice

1. *"Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day" (Ex. 35:3).*
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; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 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. 2:14-17).*
3. *"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 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; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby" (Eph. 2:14-16).*
4. *"And remember that thou wast a servant in the*

*land of Egypt, and that the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day" (Dt. 5:15).*

#### B. First Day Worship of Lord's Assemblies

1. *"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).*
2. *"Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils" (Mk. 16:9).*
3. *"Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you" (Jn. 20:19).*
4. *"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).*
5. *"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).*
6. *"Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD" (Lev. 23:16), and "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place" (Acts 2:1) with "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:41-42).*
7. *"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet" (Rev. 1:10).*

#### C. Conclusion

1. Pentecost occurred on Sunday, the first day of the week (cf. Lev. 23:16 with Acts 2:1 ff.).
2. The outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost not only authenticated the Lord's new institution of worship (i.e. **the assembly** of immersed believers in the upper room [Acts 1:13-15]), but also the Lord's day of worship—**Sunday!**

# HOMESCHOOL SAFETY DAY

BBC Homeschool

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Safety Day



*BBC Hosted its Second Homeschool Safety day on Tuesday, October 23. All the BBC children along with several other homeschooling families from the community came to BBC and met with some Cromwell Police officers and firemen. The children learned safety practices, had time of Q & A and explored the emergency vehicles!*

At Safety Day, the Homeschoolers learned a lot  
About things they can do and things they cannot.  
The police and fire men came  
and taught us that safety is not a game.  
And helped us remember things we forgot!



*Although there were several volunteers, this youth was the lucky one to get "cuffed"!*







## HOMESCHOOL FIELD TRIP

*On Friday, October 5 the BBC Homeschoolers, joined by a few homeschoolers from Calvary Baptist, enjoyed a beautiful 80 degree day at the Old Cider Mill!*

*The children enjoyed the petting farm, feeding the animals, holding chicks, climbing on tractors, taking a hay ride, picking pumpkins, and touring the Cider Mill!*





# THE BOOK CORNER



*The Schabert family ministered in song before the morning preaching.*

## Manchester Bible Study

Continue to pray for the Manchester Bible Study as Mark Schabert teaches the *Gospel of John* to several families who live in the area. This is an effort to practice the Great Commission in Manchester, CT, evangelizing and edifying folks who come to the study. The Bible study is every Friday night at 7 PM. Please contact the pastor for directions.



## The Book Corner

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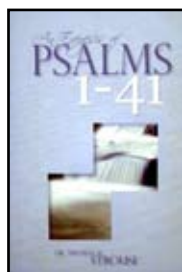
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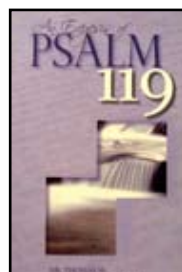
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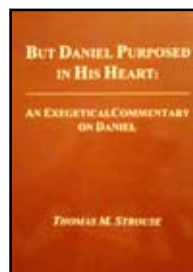
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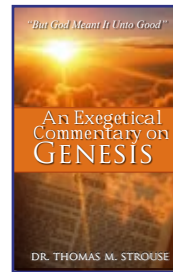
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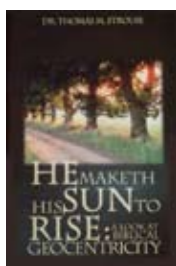
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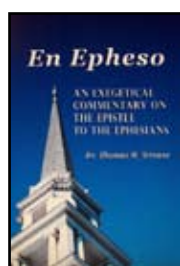
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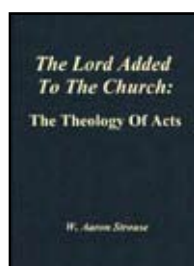
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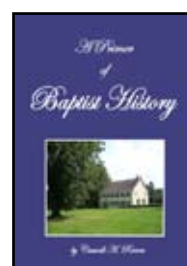
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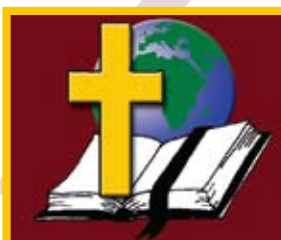
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