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JOB: EXPOSURE LEADS TO REPENTANCE

During the week of January 12-16, 2026 I had the privilege to minister at Fairhaven Baptist College and teach through *The Chiastic and Exegetic Outline of the Book of Job* co-authored by me and my son, Dr. M. Ryan Strouse. The class was well attended with ten staff and seminarians. The *Book of Job* is eye-opening and heart convicting as the LORD had to expose the self-righteous heart of “*perfect and upright*” Job and bring about his repentance!



Left: Missionary to Myanmar Dan Armacost (MDiv); Right: Indiana Pastor Mike Johnson (MBS)

Job: Exposure Leads to Repentance

Whereas many consider the *Book of Job* as the account of the man Job who was the poor righteous victim in the fallen world of the adamic race where life is just not fair! And, by the way, that is me! I am the victim of something or someone, maybe my parents, siblings, mate, employer, or neighbor, and if it were not for him, her, them, they, my life would be much more enjoyable! No, you are not the victim, and as a professed Christian, you need to remember that the perfect Son of God was the only one in the lineage of Adam's race Who was truly the Righteous Victim! After all, your heinous sin put the Perfect and Righteous Victim on the brutal Cross, you evil, vile hypocrite! It is time to have victory over victimhood!

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EXPOSURE LEADS TO REPENTANCE (CONCLUSION)

Although Job never directly cursed God, he continued to claim innocence of heart and behavior in his self-righteous life. Nevertheless, he did criticize the LORD obliquely by criticizing His creation. Ultimately, the LORD exposed the criticism of Job, saying, *“Wilt thou also disannul my judgment? wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous? Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him? Deck thyself now with majesty and excellency; and array thyself with glory and beauty. Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath: and behold every one that is proud, and abase him. Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place. Hide them in the dust together; and bind their faces in secret. Then will I also confess unto thee that thine own right hand can save thee”* (Job 40:8-14). Finally, the LORD introduced Job to Behemoth and Leviathan, the latter being *“the king over all the children of pride”* (Job 41:34). Could proud Job criticize the king of pride? Who created Leviathan? If he could not criticize this creature of God directly, why was he criticizing the LORD indirectly? Job was exposed as a proud critic—repentance was the only remedy for the spiritual restoration of Job (Job 42:1-7)! How proud are you, servant of the LORD? Has the LORD convicted you of self-righteous pride in your Christian life and in your ministry?



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JEHOVAH DISMANTLES JOB: DUST AND ASHES TO AWE (JOB 40:1-14)

Job’s Heart Attitude and Beliefs:

1. Job’s beliefs on his own self-righteousness

- Job 16:17 “Not for any injustice in mine hands: Also my prayer is pure.”
- Job 27:5-6 “My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.”
- Job 31:6 “Let me be weighed in an even balance, That God may know mine integrity.”

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2. Job's belief of his moral superiority

- Job 29:14 "I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: My judgment was as a robe and a diadem."
- Job 31:4 "Doth not he see my ways, And count all my steps?"

3. Job's sense of entitlement to God's favor ("I deserve")

- Job 29:2-5 "Oh that I were as in months past, As in the days when God preserved me;"
- Job 30:20 "I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me: I stand up, and thou regardest me not."

4. Job's belief he deserved better comparative to others

- Job 21:7-16 "Wherefore do the wicked live...their offspring before their eyes. Their houses are safe from fear."
- Job 24:1-17 – He catalogued other people's sin and maintained his own innocence.
- Job 29:18-20 "Then I said, I shall die in my nest, And I shall multiply my days as the sand."
- Job 30:1 "But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, Whose fathers I would have disdained To have set with the dogs of my flock."

5. Job's confidence in his wisdom and need to defend himself in righteousness

- Job 12:3 "But I have understanding as well as you; I am not inferior to you: Yea, who knoweth not such things as these?"
- Job 13:2 "What ye know, the same do I know also: I am not inferior unto you."
- Job 32:1 "So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes."

6. Job's view of his reputation and what he believed he still deserved

- Job 29:7-11 "The young men saw me, and hid themselves: And the aged arose, and stood up."
- Job 29:21-25 "After my words they spake not again; And my speech dropped upon them."

7. Job masked his heart attitude with external devotion

- Job 27:2-4 "As God liveth...my lips shall not speak wickedness."

8. Job's sense of being wronged

- Job 19:7-9 "Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment."

9. Job's view of his obedience to Scripture

- Job 31:5-8, 9-12 "If I have walked with vanity, Or if my foot hath hastened to deceit."

10. Job's confidence in his correct heart motives and no secret sin

- Job 27:6 "My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live."
- Job 31:33-34 "If I covered my transgressions as Adam, By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom."



BBC EXTRAS

***Left, center:** On Saturday, January 24, 2026, BBC hosted the **Ladies' Fellowship** as several women fellowshiped around various finger foods, a devotional, and several crafts. The ladies enjoyed the opportunity to expand in their friendship and fellowship with one another.*

***Right:** Mr. Don White preached on Galatians during a Wednesday service.*



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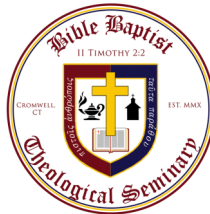
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Monday (6-9 PM)

Romans

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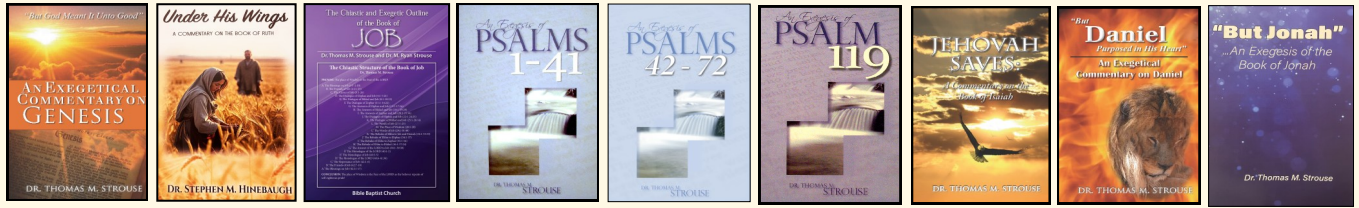
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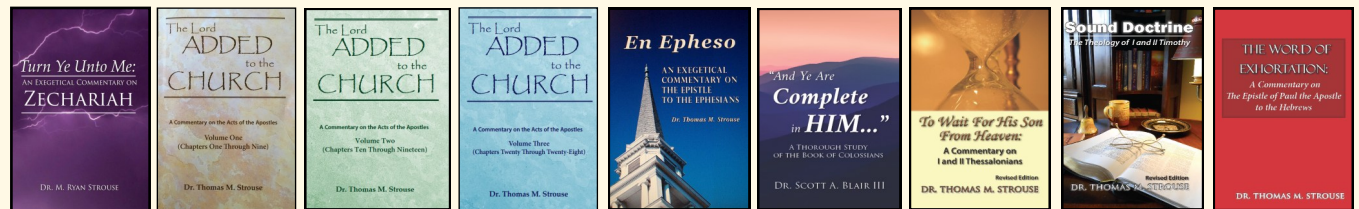
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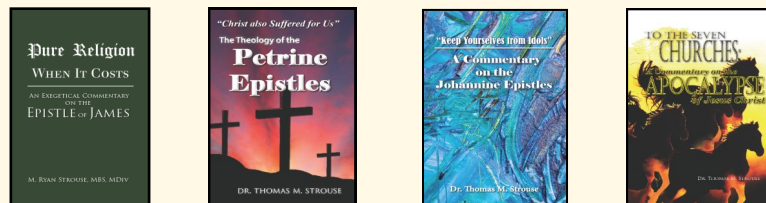
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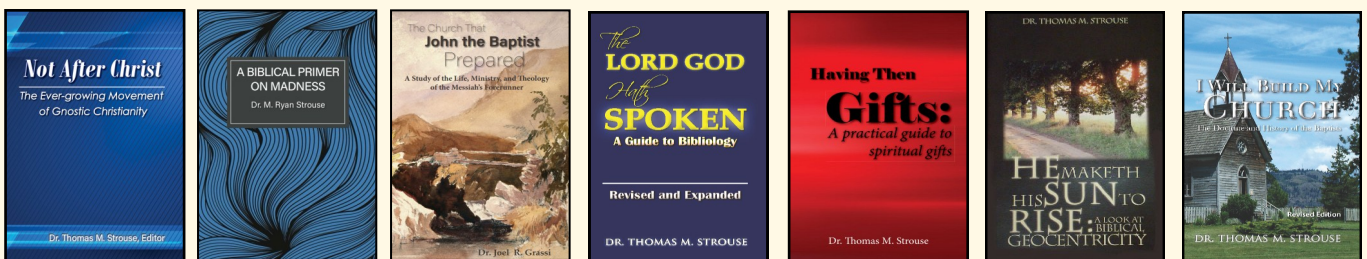


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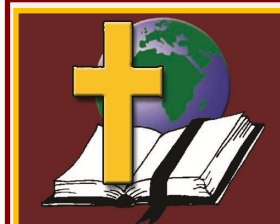
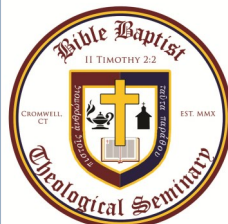
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