

FORGE SEMINARY



TALK 3

TRUE AUTHORITY!

Answering Your Questions
About The Bible

DIVISIONS OF THEOLOGY

The Doctrine of the Word of God

The Doctrine of God

The Doctrine of Man

The Doctrine of Christ

The Doctrine of the Application of Redemption

The Doctrine of the Church

The Doctrine of the Future

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#3. The Effectiveness of its Teaching

“Show me a place on the face of the earth ten miles square where a man may provide for his children in decency and comfort, where age is venerated, where womanhood is protected, where human life is held in due regard, and I will show you a place where the gospel of Jesus Christ has gone before and laid the foundation.” - Robert Lowell

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#6. The Consistency and Unity of the Bible

Ephesians 1:11

“In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works things according to the counsel of his will...”

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

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#9. The Historical Reliability of the Bible

“How can we trust Scripture to be true and authentic, considering they were written by men, and may have been edited in history by those that want to use it to control man for political or other reasons?”



**“How do you handle
the rejection of your
defense of the truth
and reliability of the
Bible as the Word of
God?”**



1 Peter 3:15

“...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...”

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**UPROOTING A CENTURY
OF MISEDUCATION**

PETE HEGSETH

WITH DAVID GOODWIN

1 Corinthians 8:1

**“Now concerning food offered to idols:
we know that “all of us possess
knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up,
but love builds up.”**

“Who put all the books together to make the Bible whole instead of a bunch of individual books?”



CANON: Greek Kanon

**“Rule or Standard of
Measurement”**

- TORAH- THE LAW- By the time of Ezra & Nehemiah 537 BC-433 BC
- NEVIIM- THE PROPHETS- Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, 12 Minor Prophets.
- KETUVIM- THE WRITINGS – Hagiographa - 11 books: Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Lamentations, and Daniel, Esther, Ruth, Ezra-Nehemiah, and Chronicles. 165 BC Did not include Apocrypha.
- NEW TESTAMENT: Apostolic productions recognized immediately as Authoritative. Nevertheless a gradual process - 27 books. Defining the authoritative books was not pressing until the 4th century. Easter 367 Bishop Athanasius of Alexandria, Egypt. Eliminated the Apocryphal Books.
- Council of Carthage AD 397 - 27 Books of the NT as we have today.

“I just attended FORGE downtown. I have a question on the doctrine of the Bible. I’d like your thoughts on the Apocryphal books. Being raised protestant I ignore them. But when I argue the doctrine that the Bible is the inspired word of God to non-believers, sometimes the origins of the Bible and its canonization (which I am not an expert in) comes up. How should I respond to the fact that there is disagreement in the church on what is canon in the Old Testament?”



**The deuterocanonical or
intertestamental books of the Catholic
Church include:**

**Tobit, Judith, Baruch, Sirach, 1 Maccabees,
2 Maccabees, Wisdom, and additions to
Esther and Daniel**

The Debate's Outcome:

The Protestant Reformers affirmed the Hebrew Scriptures 39 books and the 27 NT books without the Apocrypha

The Catholic Council of Trent affirmed the Apocrypha

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THE
ORIGIN
OF THE
BIBLE

F. F. BRUCE

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PHILIP COMFORT

CARL F. H. HENRY

“What about the four books Martin Luther removed from the previous canonized Bible? Were those books not Scripture?”



Hebrews, James, Jude & Revelation

**“Are Catholic
practices/Bibles
more accurate to
God’s plan for
Christians?”**



“Why aren’t more books in the Bible? With the Bible quoting other books, it seems like they should be included.”



1. The Book of the Wars of the Lord

In the Book of Numbers, there is a quotation from the “Book of the Wars of the Lord.” It says the following:

“Wherefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the Lord.” (Numbers 21:14-15) NRSV

2. The Book of Jasher (the Upright One)

The “Book of Jasher,” or the “Scroll of the Upright One” is mentioned as recording Joshua’s long day. Scripture says:

“The sun stood still and the moon stood motionless while the nation took vengeance on its enemies. The event is recorded in the Scroll of the Upright One. The sun stood motionless in the middle of the sky and did not set for about a full day.” (Joshua 10:13) NET

3. Solomon's Proverbs and Songs

Scripture speaks of the number of proverbs and songs of Solomon. We read about this in the Book of 1 Kings. It says:

“He spoke three thousand proverbs and his songs numbered a thousand and five. He described plant life, from the cedars of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish.” (1 Kings 4:32-33) NIV

4. The Acts of Solomon

There is a reference to a book called, “The Acts of Solomon,” or the “Annals of Solomon.” We read about this work in 1 Kings. Nothing is known about this book beyond its mention here.

5. The Annals of the Kings of Israel

The writer of 1 Kings mentions a source known as, “The Annals of the Kings of Israel.” It says the following:

“The other events of Jeroboam’s reign, his wars and how he ruled, are written in the book of the annals of the kings of Israel.” (1 Kings 14:19) NIV

6. The Annals of the Kings of Judah

There is the mention of a work titled, “The Annals of the Kings of Judah.” We read about this in 1 Kings:

“As for the other events of Abijah’s reign, and all he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the kings of Judah? There was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.” (1 Kings 15:7) NIV

7. The Records of Samuel, Nathan, and Gad

The prophets Samuel, Nathan, and Gad are said to have recorded events in the life of King David. The Bible says:

“As for the events of King David’s reign, from beginning to end, they are written in the records of Samuel the seer, the records of Nathan the prophet and the records of Gad the seer.” (1 Chronicles 29:29) NIV

As for the other events of Solomon’s reign, from beginning to end, are they not written in the records of Nathan the prophet, in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam son of Nebat?” (2 Chronicles 9:29) NIV

8. The Records of Shemaiah the Prophet and Iddo the Seer

A prophet named Shemaiah, and a seer named Iddo, recorded the acts of King Rehoboam. The Bible says:

“As for the events of Rehoboam’s reign, from beginning to end, are they not written in the records of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer that deal with genealogies? There was continual warfare between Rehoboam and Jeroboam.” (2 Chronicles 12:15) NIV

9. The Annals of Jehu

Jehu the King is said to have recorded the acts of another king, Jehoshaphat. This is also recorded in the Book of Chronicles:

“The other events of Jehoshaphat’s reign, from beginning to end, are written in the annals of Jehu son of Hanani, which are recorded in the book of the kings of Israel.” (2 Chronicles 20:34) NIV

10. The Acts of Uzziah

The prophet Isaiah recorded the acts of King Uzziah. The Chronicler wrote the following:

“The other events of Uzziah’s reign, from beginning to end, are recorded by the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.” (2 Chronicles 26:22) NIV

11. The Laments of Jeremiah

There is a mention of the laments of Jeremiah. We read about this in Second Chronicles. It says:

“Jeremiah composed laments for Josiah, and to this day the men and women singers commemorate Josiah in the laments. These became a tradition in Israel and are written in the Laments. (2 Chronicles 35:25) NIV

**“Grass dries up, and flowers
wither, but the word of our God
will last forever.” (Isaiah 40:8)**

“With so many translations over so many years, how can we believe that God’s Word has not been “lost in translation?”



**“How can we believe in
the inerrancy of the
Bible when it is
thousands of years old
with translations from
languages to
languages?”**



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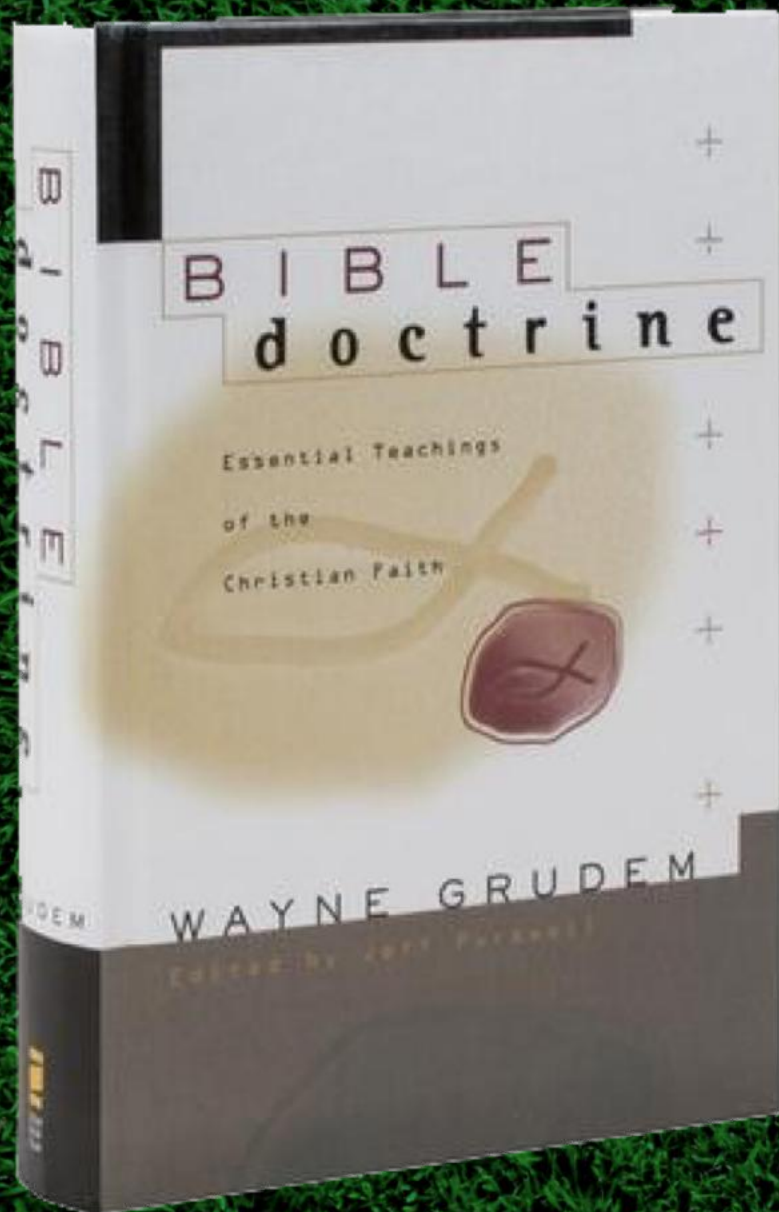
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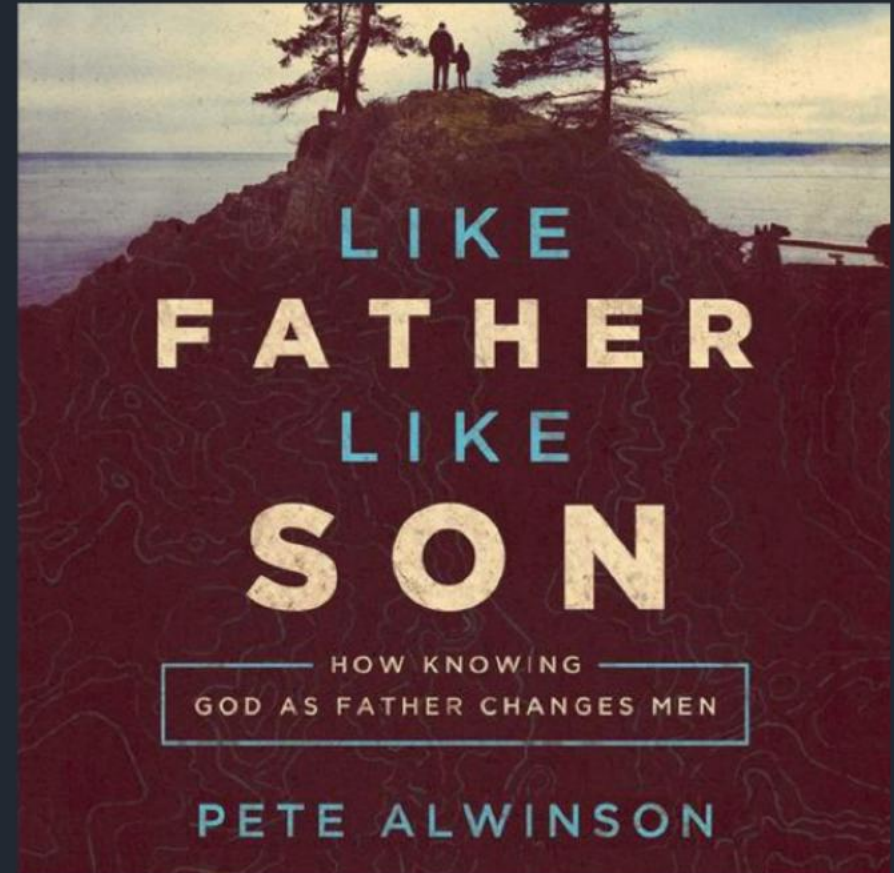
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