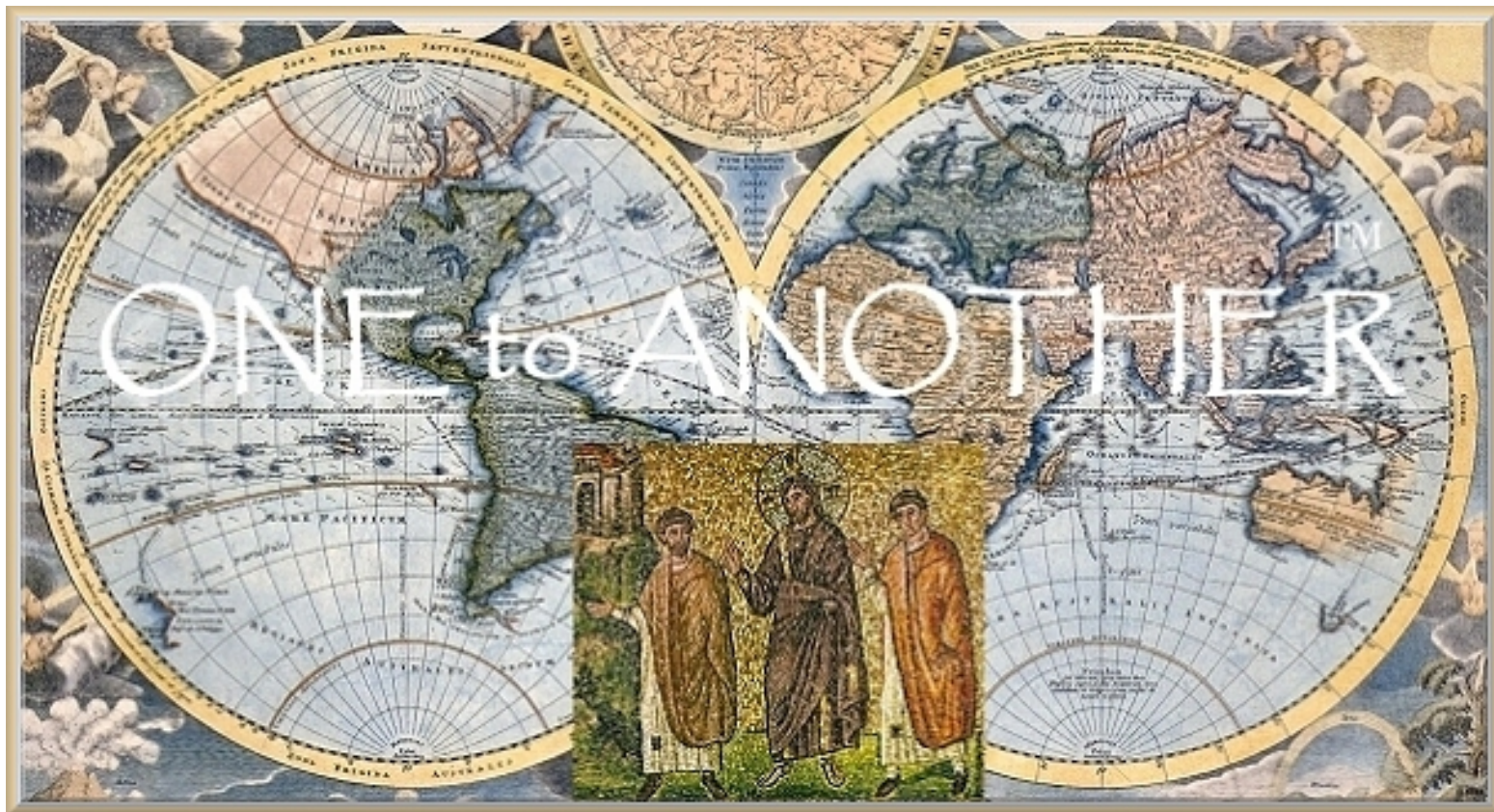


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"And they said one to another, did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way, and while He opened to us the Scriptures?"
Luke 24:32 KJV



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Biblical Theology

Why Study the Holy Spirit?

by Raymond L. Parker, Ph.D.*



As a child I remember often hearing the term "Holy Ghost" in church. My home church began each Sunday morning worship service with the Doxology. Words in that song exhort us to "Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

The Bible version used in those days was almost exclusively the King James Version -- certainly an excellent translation. The King James often used the term Holy Ghost to refer to the third member of the Godhead. In my childish mind I pictured the Holy Ghost as somewhat of a "Casper the friendly ghost" kind of being.

Now that is amusing and yet the question looms: "How much do we know about the Holy Spirit?" We understand the word Father and thus we can to some extent picture God the Father. We also understand the word Son and once again we have some mental concept of God the Son.

However, when we come to the Holy Spirit, there is often not the same degree of understanding. So it would seem of spiritual value to spend some time seeking to understand the Biblical concept of the Holy Spirit.

We must study the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit is a vital doctrine of revelation. The Holy Spirit is mentioned ninety times in the Old Testament with eighteen different names, titles, or designations.

The second verse of the Bible mentions the Holy Spirit. Moses wrote of the creation, *"The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the*



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Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters" (Genesis 1:2 KJV).

The first Bible book written was probably the book of Job. Job refers to the Holy Spirit twice. Job wrote, "By His Spirit He adorned the heavens" (Job 26:13 KJV). In another place Job wrote, "The Spirit of God has made me" (33:4 KJV).

The last invitation of the Bible is extended by the Holy Spirit. John the Revelator wrote in the book of Revelation, "And the Spirit and the bride say 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17 KJV).

Thus, if one would study the Bible, if one would be knowledgeable of Biblical teaching, then one must study the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a vital doctrine of revelation. To be continued.

Excerpt from The School of the Spirit: A Sermonic Study of the Holy Spirit, by R.L. Parker,

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Biblical Counseling

A Psychology Apart from God?

by David M. Tyler, Ph.D.*



The belief that man can formulate a psychology apart from God is a myth. An understanding of man that does not begin with the fact that man was created by God and rebelled against his Creator is not an objective account of man.

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Humanistic psychology has produced unprecedented confusion and has permeated the evangelical church. Psychology (the true psychology found in the Bible only), *properly* understood, is a branch of Theology.

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Psychology is concerned with man's nature and inner life. Satan's substitute, humanistic psychology although it is radically at odds with the Bible, is commonly used by Christians for guidance in pastoral or "Christian" counseling. This routine practice has resulted in the steady erosion of the Biblical doctrines of creation, man and salvation.

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Fresh from the Desert

by James B. Solberg, D.D. *



Vayislach - *Genesis 32:4-13*: "Then Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who said to me, Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you: I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff,



Seems like some of those so eager to run for public office ought to be quietly sneaking off in the opposite direction!



Ben Gohne dropped out of church in his youth. He was just beginning his life, and needed all the time he could get for weekend pursuits.

Now, that his hair is thinner and his waist thicker, he thought it was about time to get back into church.

So, he located a big (but not too big) church, and showed up on Sunday morning with his wife and Bible expecting to pick up where he had left off. Yea - right!

What surprised him most was that he had brought his old Sunday School Bible for nothing - didn't need it! All the verses were projected on a big bright screen.

There were verses from Bibles he had never even heard of - GNB, MSG, NAS, NLT, NCV, and others! His old KJV was - well - OLD!

On the way home his wife asked him if they were coming back next Sunday. "Sure!" he replied, "I

and now I have become two companies. Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children. For You said, I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude."

Jacob still struggles with fear, as it seems he will his whole life. Perhaps this is the lingering result of the betrayals he participated in during his early years. He will always worry that someone, even God, might betray him. But we all wrestle with fear at one time or another, and the real test is not whether we have times of fear, but how do we deal with them? Here we see a good beginning on Jacob's part. He has been told that Esau is coming with 400 men, and in his fear he turns to God and prays.

But, this is the second thing he does. First, he divides his group in two, hoping that if Esau attacks he will attack only one group, and not both. So, Jacob continues to first rely on his own wits to get him out of trouble, and then turns to God for help as a backup. We have yet to see Jacob get the sequence right, to first turn to God for protection and direction, and only then to do what God tells him.

It is easy to criticize Jacob as we read his story. But, are we any different? In fact, if there is one lesson from Scripture, it is that these are stories of real people, like you and like me, who struggle through very real challenges day by day. How often when a problem arises do we first seek to solve it ourselves, and only then turn to God when we fear that our solution may not be enough? I would suggest that this is true for most of us most of the time. Even though we, like Jacob, claim to be a follower of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we too often use God as our back up plan, rather than our first plan.

This is a lesson that we will see Jacob struggle with his whole life. It is a lesson that most of us will struggle with our whole lives. How different might Jacob's life have been if he had consistently first turned to God? How different might your and my life be if we consistently first turn to God?

Prayer: Lord, How foolish we are to look first to ourselves for answers. Please change us to look first to You. Amen.

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thought it was great, and we don't have to remember to bring that clumsy and outdated Bible!"



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Places in the Land

Capernaum of the Galilee

Excerpt from the ISRAEL Tour Journal



Although he grew up in Nazareth, the Bible tells us it was Capernaum that Jesus considered His home town during His years of ministry (Matthew 4:13.)

In the first century, Capernaum was a prosperous town, located on the main road from Damascus to the coast, known as the "Via Maris" or "way of the Sea". As such, it was a tax collection point for the Romans, and home to one of their appointed tax collectors, whom we know as Matthew or Levi in the New Testament.

Capernaum was home to a fishing industry based on the Sea of Galilee, and the business location for Peter, Andrew, James, and John. This is also the city where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, the woman with an issue of blood, Jarias' daughter, the Centurion's servant, and the paralytic who was let down through the roof.

No other city in the Galilee has more importance and connection to Jesus' ministry than Capernaum. Today we can see well-preserved ruins of an ancient synagogue, and the traditional site of Peter's mother-in-law's home.

Jesus performed many miracles in and near Capernaum.

Though Jesus was known as a Nazarene, the great blessings of His presence would go not to those who accepted Him as merely the son of Joseph, but those who accepted Him as the Son of God.

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Biblical Apologetics

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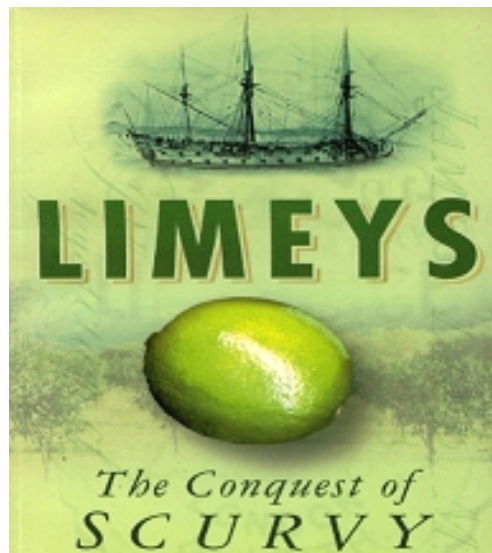


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solution? Sometimes the answer is yes. One "serial killer" killed more British sailors than combat did: **SCURVY!**

Medical history documents that this horrible disease is prevented by a solution so *simple* that the cure was ignored for 200+ years. Yet the cure was oh-so-simple: Vitamin C.

The etiology (pathology causation process) of scurvy was traced to needing fresh fruits and vegetables, foods not typically available to British sailors on long-term sea duty. (Sailors routinely ate salt pork and hardtack biscuits.) Because refrigeration was unavailable, the Royal Navy preserved ship food from spoiling by smoking, salting, and/or air-drying-but these methods destroyed whatever Vitamin C was originally inside.



What to do? Stock up on limes! Limes have a long shelf-life, so British sailors became "limeys", to escape scurvy. A drastic problem with a simple solution. In fact, the same applies to purported "credibility problems" that many moderns claim, while excusing themselves from trusting the authoritatively truth and relevance of Genesis.

Why? This apologetics problem has a simple one-word explanation: **accommodation**. Christian education leaders, during the late 1700s, accommodated supposedly "authoritative science" theories of closed-Bible Deists (like "uniformitarianist" Deists James Hutton and Charles Lyell). Disastrous results!

What trouble would have been prevented if Genesis had been trusted, instead of "science" falsely so-called! (1 Timothy 6:20; John 5:45-47)

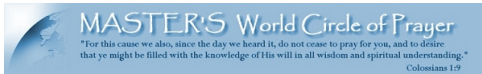
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O.T. Hebrew Word Study

by Rev. Rebecca J. Brimmer*



Moed •••• - A *moed* is an appointed time when God asks His people to meet with Him. *Moed* is found 223 times in Scripture. It can be translated "set time, a specific appointment with God, appointed time, or solemn times, or congregation." If you ask your Jewish friends what a *moed* is, most likely they will tell you that it is the feasts, referring to the Biblical feasts listed in Leviticus 23. Type the word in Google, and you will quickly find links informing readers that *moed* is the name of the second Order of the *Mishnah*, the first written recording of the oral *Torah* (laws given to Moses not included in Scripture and not written down until AD 220). The twelve tractates (essays) of *moed* in the *Mishnah* relate to the Sabbath and the feasts, among other related topics.

The Lord's Feasts - In Exodus 23:14-17, the three pilgrimage festivals (*Pesach*, *Shavuot*, and *Sukkot*) are referred to as appointed times (*moed*). During these three feasts, all Jewish men were commanded to come up to Jerusalem to worship God as a congregation. We have also been interested to find out that most Israelis, even those who define themselves as "secular," or not religious, keep the biblical feasts, even fasting for 25 hours on *Yom Kippur* from all food and liquid. I believe that one of the reasons God instituted the feasts is that He wanted to have His people meeting with Him on a regular basis and He wanted them to reflect on His actions and understand His character.

Meeting with God - God has always desired to meet with His people. In Genesis, at the very beginning of His interaction with mankind, we see that He created Adam and Eve and put them in a garden where He met with them. Throughout the Scripture, we find accounts of God meeting with men and women.

Frequently, we see the term "tent of meeting." The word for "meeting" in this phrase is *moed*, and it refers to the tabernacle. The tabernacle was a place to meet with the Lord, a place of sacred encounters with the Most High God. Scripture says that Moses' face glowed after meeting with Him so much that he had to cover his face (Exod. 34:30). Now, that is an awe-inspiring concept. Although I have never

Biblical truth.

This knowledge is the only source of true wisdom. "Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away" (I Corinthians 2:6 NASV).

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seen someone's face glowing to the extent that Moses' did, I have seen people changed after a meeting with God and it often shows on their countenance. Some Christians go to church with the anticipation of meeting with God. Sadly, many come for other reasons: social interaction, duty, or tradition.

A Set Time - God also has a "set time" for the nations to show favor to Zion. The psalmist says: *"You will arise and have mercy on Zion; for the time to favor her, yes, the set time [moed], has come. For your servants take pleasure in her stones, and show favor to her dust. So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of earth Your glory. For the LORD shall build up Zion; He shall appear in His glory. He shall regard the prayer of the destitute, and shall not despise their prayer"* (Psalm 102:13-17).

Throughout the Scripture, we find accounts of God meeting with men and women. Why not set a time to meet with Him? I am sure He wants to meet with you.

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N.T. Greek Word Study

by Gary Crossland, M.Th., Th.D.*

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Doulos. I am often intrigued by the subtle mistranslation of one of the Bible's most common Greek words - doulos - used 126 times in the New Testament.

In Greek literature, doulos always means "slave" (that is, human merchandise). It is remarkable that most of the times that doulos is used in the New Testament to describe bondage in or to the world's system, it is translated in English as "slave."

However, most of the times that it refers to our relationship with Christ, it is translated in English as "servant,"



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"bondservant," or "bondslave". I think that this theologically-driven shift in translation dilutes both the meaning and the gravity of the word.

Our modern connotation of the word "slave" is one who is nothing more than property, having no rights, but only privileges and responsibilities. In contrast, our modern connotation of the word "servant" or "bond-servant" conjures the image of someone who punches in and out of work each day, having both the vocation of service, and an avocation apart from it.

It is important to understand that the word *doulos* does not convey the notion of whether an individual was enslaved voluntarily or not - with dignity or without. It is simply a description of his current status.

For there to be no mistake about who we are in Christ, I have chosen to always translate *doulos* in its purest rudiment - *slave*, thus embracing the deepest obligation to God that we can imagine.

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My wife, Sandy, has loved the fragrance of lilacs all her life. When we bought our house 17 years ago, I planted two lilac bushes, one of which survives today.

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In 2 Corinthians 2:14-16, the Apostle Paul compares the knowledge of Christ to a fragrance which spreads everywhere. To God we are the aroma of Christ. Those being saved spread the fragrance of life. Those who are without Christ, have the smell of death about them. No fragrance, but a smell, an odor.

Followers of Christ spread His fragrance wherever He leads us. Others benefit in the knowledge of our Savior. He promises us an eternal fragrance, a pleasing aroma of life which is not limited to a season.

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Biblical Inspiration & Inerrancy

A Preacher's Only Source of Authority

by Dennis D. Frey, Th.D.*



Must we defend the inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures? The preacher who must be convinced by argumentation and apologetics has already admitted to being intellectually confused and spiritually powerless. This is because the Bible is not only the source of authority for the preacher, it is the source of strength and stability for his own soul.

It is also the source of strength and succor for those to whom the preacher ministers. The Divine Dynamic is always present when the Word of God goes forth. As God has promised, *"So is My Word that goes out of My mouth: It will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it"* (Isaiah 55:11 NIV 1978). The preacher who is faithful to the Divine calling will rest in full confidence upon this most precious promise.

The written Word of God is not only the preacher's primary resource, it is the *only* source of absolute authority. The power of the Scriptures to serve as its own Divine didactic is the essential premise of Biblical preaching, and is the distinctive testimony of the Bible itself: *"The Law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes"* (Psalm 19:9-8 NIV 1978). *"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever"* (Isaiah 40:8 NIV 1978).

The Scriptures alone assure us of the omnipotent potential which is available to the preacher wise enough to draw upon the life-changing resources of the Living Word. Tragically, too many Christian ministers choose to prospect for cultural and spiritual relevancy among the discredited ruins of neo-biblical humanism. They do so hoping to discover some new mother lode of reality more palatable to the so-called sophisticated sensibilities of 21st century society.

Of course, this is not really a new thing. Nineteen-hundred years ago Paul warned Timothy, *"For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from truth and turn aside to myths"* (II Timothy 4:3 NIV 1978).

The inevitable results of "watered-down" truth is a culture soaked to the bone with a religious dribble that will fail them when their enemy comes in like a flood. Those preachers who fall into this pit, will eventually come before the Divine Tribunal of eternal judgment, and one shudders to think of the terrible consequences. As James warned us, *"Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment"* (James 3:1 NASV).

To be sure, we live in a day when preachers need not look far for opportunity and excuses to dilute the Word of God. However, in the face of mounting pressure for all ministers of the Gospel to make concessions for the sake of political and cultural correctness, the preacher who will determine in his or her heart to someday hear *"Well done good and faithful servant - enter in"* (Matthew 25:21), must accept the instructions given by Paul to Timothy: *"In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of His appearing and His kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry"* (II Timothy 4:1-2, 5 NIV 1978).

God has not called us to be entertainers, politicians, or cute comedians. The Apostle Paul understood this, and declared - *"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for I am under compulsion; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel"* (I Corinthians 9:16 NASV). That is the truth, and nothing but the truth of the Gospel!

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Evil Hidden in Beauty

Issues of Life & Death

by Bradley Madtes*



What comes to mind when somebody mentions the nation of Ecuador? I think of an absolutely beautiful landscape with warm, outgoing people who have a passion for life. Having grown up in Montana (that's God's country for the less informed :-), I love the mountains.

I had just returned from my second visit to Ecuador (my first trip as president of the International Right to Life Federation). Quito, Ecuador is a picturesque city nestled in a mountain valley at 11,000 feet. But an evil danger lurks among the beauty and tranquility of this South American nation.

The goal of my visit was to assist the Ecuadorians as they feverishly work to prevent the legalization of abortion. That may surprise you considering the heavily Catholic population, but as we all know, not everyone practices their professed faith, and pro-abortion activists have been gaining ground.

Catholic University, Quito's largest, sponsored a series of pro-life lectures targeting the academic community and members of congress in an effort to prevent abortion from being legalized. My day began with a secular radio interview that was then broadcast on 40 other radio stations throughout the country.

What first appeared to be a mundane event was actually a breakthrough. After the interview, the radio host was so pleased, he told Maria Teale, my translator and head of the local pro-life organization, to come back anytime they had something to say. The lectures were also covered by the major newspaper before and after the event, thus generating lots of discussion in the nation's capital city.

Dr. Priscilla Coleman spoke first. She's a professor at Bowling Green University, and has done some amazing research regarding abortion's psychological effect on women. Dr. Coleman also just released a new study comparing the mortality rates of women who have an abortion versus those who give birth. Both studies clearly point to rejecting abortion to safeguard the physical and mental wellbeing of women. [[Read more.](#)]

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Dr. Catherine M. Barshinger

York, Pennsylvania



I received my Doctor of Biblical Studies in Biblical Counseling in 2010. My education from Master's equipped me theologically and personally to minister God's Word to hurting and broken people. I learned from some of the best professors in the field of Biblical counseling.

One of the reasons I enjoyed my years at Master's was the accessibility of the professors. Whenever I had a question or was struggling with understanding the material or needed encouragement to persevere I could call and they would talk me through it.

The major reason I enjoyed my educational experience was the Biblical focus of all the professors and staff at Master's. I could always count on them to point me to God's Word for answers.

Today, I minister to 25-35 people weekly and am privileged to see the Holy Spirit change lives. I will always be grateful for the Biblical training I received from Master's.

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Tom Tripp Graduate of Distinction



Tom with his degree in God's amazing creation near his home in beautiful British Columbia.

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Of his learning experience Tom writes - *"I sincerely thank each of you for the respective roles you've played in helping me to successfully complete my M.A. in Biblical Creation Apologetics. I also thank the Lord for blessing me through Dr. Jim Petty and Mrs. Jean Trotter (who have already "graduated to glory"), and the good people of ICR-SOBA, especially Dr. James Johnson and Mary Smith.*

As I deliver seminars to churches and communities that point people to Scriptural truths and scientific evidences for a young earth/universe (without being ignorant or arrogant as Dr. Henry M. Morris so clearly states in his commentary on 1 Peter 3:15), I will never forget my role as an ambassador of Christ, and of MISD & ICR-SOBA."

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