



# BBC UPDATE

## Martial Arts and Oriental Medicine

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



### Professor Skorupski's Lecture

In front of a large seminary class, Professor Jeff Skorupski revealed and repudiated the occultic practices of Martial Arts and Oriental Medicine. Having been a practitioner and teacher in Qigong for many years, Professor Skorupski testified that the Lord brought him out of the demonic influences of this practice and saved him. He elaborated on this ancient Chinese practice of "life energy cultivation" as used for holistic health and philosophical spirituality, especially as it is applied in martial arts and Chinese medicine. Satan is a master at perverting God's creative design for man by propagating the manipulation of qi (energy in all things) to create harmony with the pantheistic "universe." Rather than banding together with the host of supernatural beings known as demons to be demonically energized and subsequently destroyed, the believer needs to be energized spiritually with help of the Holy Ghost working through Scripture to glorify God. Satan teaches that man needs guides such as the martial arts grand master or the Chinese medicine shaman to help him progress toward "deification" while gaining supernatural occultic powers. Paul said of the Lord Jesus Christ, asserting "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (Col. 2:8-10). The lecture is available at [www.bbc-cromwell.org](http://www.bbc-cromwell.org)



# KEITH MAIN'S DOCTORAL DISSERTATION DEFENSE

HBTS ENDICOTT, NY

Dissertation Defense

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Endicott, NY

On Saturday, May 6, 2017, Dr. Thomas Strouse participated, along with Dr. Cas Reeves, on the doctoral dissertation defense committee of Pastor Keith Main. Pastor Main, Doctor of Ministry candidate, adequately defended his dissertation dealing Biblical Spiritual Gifts. The 200 page dissertation was examined for any format and grammar gaffes as well as for a consistent premise, careful methodology, and appropriate conclusion. Before the large congregation of Heritage Baptist Church, Pastor Main vigorously defended his written work with biblical references and theological acumen. The planned date for pastor Main to receive his DMin is June 4, 2017 from Heritage Baptist Bible Seminary.



*Dr. Strouse and Dr. Reeves examining doctoral candidate Keith Main.*



*Dr. Keith Main and Family.*





# DR. STROUSE AT PASTOR'S CONFERENCE

## COMMONWEALTH BAPTIST CHURCH, BRONX, NY

On May 9, 2017, Dr. Thomas Strouse preached at the NYC Baptist Churches Fellowship hosted by Commonwealth Baptist Church in The Bronx, NY. He represented Bible Baptist Theological Seminary to the visiting pastors as he ministered with dear friends and with several past doctoral students, namely Dr. Joel Grassi and Dr. Enoch Kumar. Several Bible Baptist Church members attended and all enjoyed the preaching, fellowship, and food.



*Dr. Thomas Strouse preaching.*



*Dr. Enoch Kumar preaching*



*Dr. Joel Grassi*



# DAVID AND SERENA'S GOING-AWAY PARTY

Going-away Party

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New Book/BTS Schedule



Sunday May 7, 2017, was the last Sunday for the newly married couple Mr. and Mrs. David Slaughter. David and long time Bible Baptist Church member Serena will be moving to the San Diego area for his next military assignment. After the PM Service and the pastoral admonishment to remain faithful to the Lord and to each other, the church gave the couple a going away celebration with cake and ice cream. Pray for this godly couple as they go forward in the Lord's will.



## BBTS/BBC SPRING SCHEDULE

**May. 21, 2017**

"BBTS Commencement"

**May. 29-June 2, 2017**

Ireland

"Matthew and Creation and the Flood"

**Aug 21-25, 2017**

Fairhaven Baptist College

"Module TBA"

**Jun. 12-16, 2017**

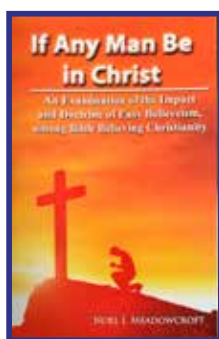
Quakertown, PA

"Ecclesiology"

**Jul 24-28, 2017**

Plymouth, NH

"Module TBA"



## NEW BOOK!

The recent book, *If Any Man Be In Christ: An Examination and the Impact of the Doctrine of Superficial Easy Believe-ism among Bible Believing Christianity*, by Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, has put forth the biblical case for the teaching of the need for repentance in conversion, as well as

for elucidating the biblical perspective of so-called "Lordship Salvation." Dr. Meadowcroft has been a student of the trends and movements in conservative Christianity for many decades, observing the faulty doctrine of easy believe-ism and its fruitless "conversions." Because of his heartbreak over the empty lives of many "unrepentant Christians" and because of his passion for truth, he has written *If Any Man Be In Christ*. It is my privilege to recommend this book as a defense of biblical soteriology, readable for both the babe in Christ as well the seasoned saint of the Lord. (\$8.00 each).

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Bible Baptist Church, Pastor



## EUM TO BBC

On May 14, 2017, Pastor David Eum and his wife (Oh, Okhee) visited Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell for the first time, and he preached in the AM service. Pastor Eum has been the shepherd of Seoul First Baptist Church for nineteen years and also serves as Dean and Professor of his church's seminary. His church has supported financially BBC for many years, and we appreciate the fellowship with this sister church of like faith. One family of his current membership (the Kwons) had membership in BBC for about one and half years. The Eum's live about one hundred and fifty miles from Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea. He challenged the congregation about the need for missionaries to reach the impoverished, isolated, and lost people of North Korea at the risk of death. The couple sang several gospel songs, and he preached an impassioned message about reaching sinners before Christ's return.



*Pastor and Mrs. Eum*



*Pastor Eum and Pastor Strouse*



## BBTS GRADUATION BANQUET AND COMMENCEMENT SERVICE

The Lord willing, four men will graduate from Bible Baptist Theological Seminary on May 21, 2007. A graduation banquet will be held in honoring the following candidates:

- Pastor Luis Cuadrado, Certificate of Theology
- Mr. Richard Jacobs, Certificate of Theology
- Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh, Master of Biblical Studies
- Pastor George Totica, Master of Divinity



# SEEK WITH ALL YOUR HEART



Dr. Caswell A. Reeves

*"But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul:*

*(Deuteronomy 4:29).*

What a promise! God made to Israel, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it" (Deut.4:26). This is a previous promise of what would happen to Israel in the future, if they corrupted themselves by making graven images and worshipping other gods. The LORD had told them, He was "a consuming fire, even a jealous God" (Deut.4:24).

However, the LORD God also promised, if that would happen, and they found themselves scattered among other nations serving other gods, that if, they would remember and turn "from thence" and "shall seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him." The only condition, given to find Him, was that it had to be a real or genuine seeking, "if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul: (Deut. 4:29).

It reminds us of when we got saved. We had to be genuine. Note the similarity: "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9,10). We are

## DEVOTIONAL CORNER

warned, the disingenuous believer, does not get saved. "Now when he (Jesus) was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, and needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man" (John 2:23-25).

Regardless of how others might believe, the Lord Jesus has given us a similar promise. "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Luke 11:9). We have an invitation to seek Christ, and a promise that we can find him.

Yes, even when we sin, if we genuinely turn from our sin, we can find his forgiveness. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Have you sought the Lord with a genuine heart and are you a genuine Christian? -CAR

### Quotes From the Past:

#### Isaac Backus

Colonial Baptist Preacher from New England

1724-1806



Isaac Backus

*"The difference between ecclesiastical and civil government is this, that the church is armed with light and truth; while the state is armed with the sword."*

## Where Is Your Focus?

**1 Timothy 6:17** Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

**1 Timothy 6:19** Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

**Reflection:** Do you love money? Do you have enough money? How much money will be enough? Does the Lord provide what you need? Did you eat today? Did you have a roof over your head? Are you thankful for what the Lord gives you each day? Who determines how much you have today? Is God sovereign over your finances or do you make it happen? Are you faithful with what He has given you?

When you read the two verses below, where do you see yourself? Do you live your day with a focus on the Lord and your walk with Him or do you live each day with a focus on not having enough?

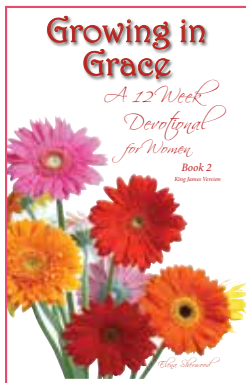
**1 Timothy 6:10** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

**1 Timothy 6:11** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

**Challenge:** What will you change today as a result of what Paul says in these verses?

*If you would like to receive Gowing in Grace daily emails, contact Elena at [Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com)*

## "Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women" Book 2



*This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.*

*Using this Devotional Each day you will be given a daily Scripture followed by thoughts upon which to reflect and a challenge for the day. To get the most out of this book, it is encouraged that you take the time each morning to reflect upon and apply each devotion.*

*Psalm 119:2 "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."*

*Please contact Bible Baptist Church ([Elenas6259@gmail.com](mailto:Elenas6259@gmail.com)) if you would like a complimentary copy of Book 1 or 2 today.*



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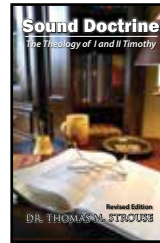
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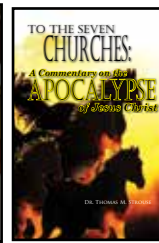
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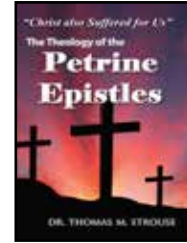
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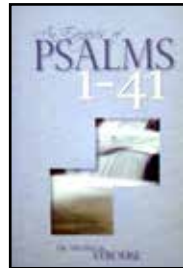
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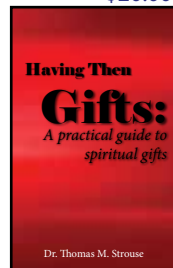
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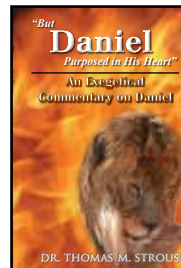
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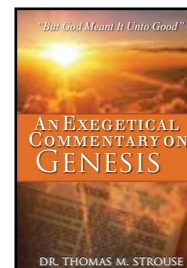
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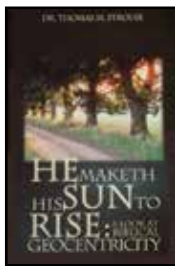
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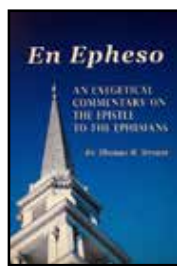
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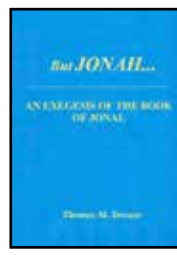
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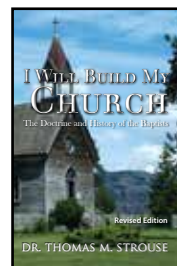
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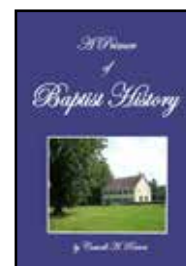
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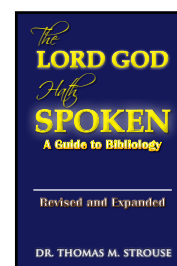
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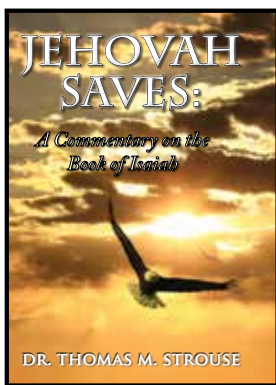
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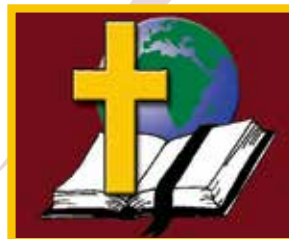


## NEW BOOK: JEHOVAH SAVES: A COMMENTARY ON THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The new book by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse entitled *Jehovah Saves: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah* is available for purchase. The book is an effort to exegete the contents of all sixty-six chapters of Isaiah, resulting in 508 pages of commentary with 746 footnotes chocked full of word studies, grammatical explanations, and theological teachings. It reflects over forty years of study, research, and reflection from the author. Available now! \$30.00

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