

Lecture Two--bibliology: The Bible

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This sermon explores the study of the Bible as divine revelation, including topics such as revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, canonicity, textual criticism, illumination, and interpretation.

Scripture: Romans 1:18

Topics: "Biblical Authority", "Divine Revelation"

Description

Greg Herrick delves into the study of Bibliology, focusing on the nature of the Bible as divine revelation. He covers topics such as revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, canonicity, textual criticism, illumination, and interpretation, exploring the significance of both general and special revelation, the modes of special revelation including dreams, visions, theophanies, divine speech, and Jesus Christ as the ultimate revelation. Herrick also discusses the inspiration of Scripture, the inerrancy of the Bible, the canonicity of the Old and New Testaments, textual criticism, illumination, and the importance of proper interpretation and application of biblical principles.

Transcript

The term Bibliology (from Greek biblos meaning "book") refers particularly to the study of the nature of the Bible as divine revelation. It often includes such topics as revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, canonicity, textual criticism, illumination, and interpretation.

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