

The Doctrine of God

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Course Description

An intensive study of the doctrine of God is made through an analysis of the biblical data in the light of historical and contemporary interpretations. A contemporary theology of God is developed.

Class Texts

1. Required Texts

Feinberg, John S. *No One Like Him*. Foundations of Evangelical Theology, ed. John S. Feinberg. Wheaton: Crossway, 2001.

Erickson, Millard J. *God, The Father Almighty: A Contemporary Exploration of the Divine Attributes*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998.

Ware, Bruce, ed.

2. Optional Suggested Texts

Archer, Margaret S., et al. *Transcendence: Critical Realism and God*. London and New York: Routledge, 1998.

Morris, Thomas V. *The Logic of God Incarnate*. Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2001.

Palmer, Michael. *The Question of God: An Introduction and Sourcebook*. London and New York: Routledge, 2001.

Richards, J. Wesley. *The Untamed God: A Philosophical Exploration of Divine Perfection, Immutability and Simplicity*. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2003.

Class Assignments

Each member of the seminar will be expected to participate meaningfully in each session in the seminar. It is crucial that every member of the seminar read the assigned readings or papers for that date. It is suggested that the seminar member begin reading the text and some of the articles as soon as possible.

Each member of the seminar will be assigned to lead the seminar discussion on several occasions, as delineated in the assignments below, depending to some degree on how many students are in the seminar. Some changes will have to be made if the seminar enrollment is very large or very small.

Text Discussion – During the first section of the seminar, all the seminar members will be discussing the Feinberg, Erickson, and Ware text readings. Each week, seminar members will guide the class in a discussion of assigned portions of the text. The student facilitator assigned to lead the discussion should prepare a one-page summary of the chapter(s) and a one-page list of questions and comments addressed to the chapter. Each student will lead the seminar discussion on assigned chapter(s) in the text. Students should request their first, second, and third preference to Dr. Lemke by June 15 about which text chapter discussions and which articles they would request to do. We will attempt to fulfill everyone’s topic preference as much as is possible. Assignments will be made quickly to facilitate students having plenty of time to prepare for these assignments.

The text chapter discussions will be divided in the following way:

- T¹ – Feinberg, chapters 1-2 (Introduction; God—The Very Idea)
- T² – Feinberg, chapters 3-4 (What Happens to God in Contemporary Thought? <focus on “God in Contemporary Thought” section>, Feinberg, chapter 4 (Process Theology), and Erickson, chapters 1, 3, 13
- T³ – Feinberg, Chapter 5 (The Existence and Being of God)
- T⁴ – Feinberg, Chapter 6 (The Attributes of God) and Chapter 7 (The Non-Moral Attributes of God) and Erickson, Chapters 7-8, 10
- T⁵ – Feinberg, Chapters 8 and 16 (The Moral Attributes of God/Divine Providence and Evil) and Erickson, Chapters 5, 9, and 11
- T⁶ – Feinberg, Chapter 9 (God, Time, and Eternity) and Erickson, Chapter 6
- T⁷ – Feinberg, Chapter 10 (The Doctrine of the Trinity)
- T⁸ – Feinberg, Chapters 11 and 13 (The Decree of God and Divine Providence: The Decree and Human Freedom) and Erickson Chapter 4
- T⁹ – Feinberg, Chapter 12 (The Doctrine of Creation) and Erickson, Chapter 12
- T¹⁰ – Feinberg, Chapters 14 and 15 (A Case for a Compatibilist Specific Sovereignty Model and The Issue of Freedom and Foreknowledge)
- T¹¹ – Ware, Chapters 1-2 (The Classical Calvinist Doctrine of God)
- T¹² – Ware, chapters 3-4 (A Modified Calvinist Doctrine of God)
- T¹³ – Ware, chapters 5-6 (An Arminian Doctrine of God)
- T¹⁴ – Ware, chapters 7-8 (An Openness Doctrine of God)

Review of Articles -- Each seminar member will read a collection of key articles from books and journals on the doctrine of God. Students will choose one paper from their assigned collection and write a 3-5 page single-spaced review of it, including critique. The article collections are as follows:

Articles on God’s Relationship to Time

- A¹ – Nicholas Wolterstorff, “Unqualified Divine Temporality,” in *God and Time: Four Views*, ed. Gregory E. Ganssle (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2001), 187-213, 225-228, 69-78, 120-123, 170-174; c.f. idem, “God and Time,” *Philosophia Christi* Series 2, 2.1 (2000): 5-10; ** and Stephen T. Davis, “Time,” in *Logic and the Nature of God* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1983), 8-24.

- A² – Alan G. Padgett, “Eternity and Relative Timelessness,” in *God and Time: Four Views*, ed. Gregory E. Ganssle (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2001), 92-110, 124-128, 61-62, 165-169, 219-221; c.f. idem, “God the Lord of Time: A Third Model of Eternity as Relative Timelessness,” *Philosophia Christi* Series 2, 2.1 (2000): 11-20;** and Garrett DeWeese, “Timeless God, Tenseless Time,” *Philosophia Christi* Series 2, 2.1 (2000): 53-59.
- A³ – William Lane Craig, “Timelessness and Omnitemporality,” in *God and Time: Four Views*, ed. Gregory E. Ganssle (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2001), 129-160, 175-186, 63-68, 115-119; c.f. idem, “Timelessness and Omnitemporality,” *Philosophia Christi* Series 2, 2.1 (2000): 29-34; ** and Hugh J. McCann, “The God Beyond Time,” in *Philosophy of Religion: An Anthology*, ed. Louis Pojman. (Belmont: Wadsworth, 1998), 242-256.
- A⁴ – Paul Helm, “Divine Timeless Eternity,” in *God and Time: Four Views*, ed. Gregory E. Ganssle (Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2001), 28-60, 79-91, 111-114, 161-164, 214-218; c.f. idem, “Divine Timeless Eternity,” *Philosophia Christi* Series 2, 2.1 (2000): 21-28; and Douglas K. Blount, “Swinburne and the Doctrine of Timelessness,” *Philosophia Christi* Series 2, 2.1 (2000): 35-52.

Articles on God’s Foreknowledge and Omniscience

- A⁵ – Nelson Pike, “Divine Omniscience and Voluntary Action.” *Philosophical Review* 74 (January 1965): 27-46;** and Stephen T. Davis, “Foreknowledge,” in *Logic and the Nature of God*, (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1983), 52-67.

Articles on the Basis for Belief in God

- A⁶ – William Alston, “Christian Experience and Christian Belief,” in *Faith and Rationality: Reason and Belief in God*, ed. Alvin Plantinga and Nicholas Wolterstorff (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1983), 16-93; and William James, “The Will to Believe,” in *The Will to Believe and Other Essays in Popular Philosophy*, by William James (New York: Dover Publications, 1956), 1-31, available online at <http://falcon.jmu.edu/~omearawm/ph101willtobelieve.html>.**
- A⁷ -- Alvin Plantinga, “Reason and Belief in God,” in *Faith and Rationality: Reason and Belief in God*, ed. Alvin Plantinga and Nicholas Wolterstorff (Notre Dame, University of Notre Dame Press, 1983), 16-93; and Michael Martin, “A Critique of Plantinga’s Religious Epistemology,” in *Atheism: A Philosophical Justification* (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1992), 266-76.
- A⁸ -- Nicholas Wolterstorff, “Can Belief in God Be Rational If It Has No Foundation?” in *Faith and Rationality: Reason and Belief in God*, ed. Alvin Plantinga and Nicholas Wolterstorff, (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1983), 103-134; and Louis Pojman, “Can Religious Belief Be Rational?” in *Philosophy of Religion: An Anthology*, ed. Louis Pojman. (Belmont: Wadsworth, 1998), 483-492.

Articles on Divine Simplicity

- A⁹ – Thomas Morris, “Simplicity,” in *Our Idea of God: An Introduction to Philosophical Theology* (Vancouver: Regent College Publishing, 1997), 113-18; Thomas V. Morris, “On God and Man: A View of Divine Simplicity,” *Religious Studies* 21 (1985): 299-318;** and Millard J. Erickson, *God the Father Almighty: A Contemporary Exploration of Divine Attributes* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998), 210-232.

Articles on God’s Goodness

- A¹⁰ – Anselm, *Proslogion* 7; Plato, *Euthyphro*; Stephen T. Davis, “Benevolence,” in *Logic and the Nature of God* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1983) 86-96; and Nelson Pike, “Omnipotence and God’s Ability to Sin,” in *Readings in the Philosophy of Religion*, ed. Baruch A. Brody (Englewood Cliffs: Prentice-Hall, 1974), 208-16.

Articles on God’s Power

- A¹¹ – George Mavrodes, “Some Puzzles Concerning Omnipotence,” *Philosophical Review* 72 (1963): 221-23; and Harry G. Frankfurt, “The Logic of Omnipotence,” *Philosophical Review* 73 (1964): 262-63.**

Articles on Divine Impassibility and Immutability

- A¹² – Richard Swinburne, “Eternal and Immutable,” in *The Coherence of Theism*, rev ed. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 217-38; and Norman Kretzmann, “Omniscience and Immutability,” *Journal of Philosophy* 63 (1966): 409-421.
- A¹³ – Richard Gale, “Omniscience-Immutability Arguments,” *American Philosophical Quarterly* 23 (1986): 319-35;** and Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998), 278-281.
- A¹⁴ – Joseph Hallman, “The Mutability of God: Tertullian to Lactantius,” *Theological Studies* 42 (1981): 373-93;** and Warren McWilliams, “Divine Suffering in Contemporary Theology,” *Scottish Journal of Theology* 33 (1980): 33-53.**

Articles on Divine Incorporeality

- A¹⁵ – David Paulsen, “Must God Be Incorporeal?” *Faith and Philosophy* 6 (1989): 76-87;** William J. Wainwright, “God’s Body,” *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 42 (1974): 470-81;** and Charles Taliaferro, “Incorporeality,” in *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*. (Malden: Blackwell, 2000), 271-78.

Articles on Divine Beauty

- A¹⁶ – Patrick Sherry, “Beauty,” in *A Companion to Philosophy of Religion*. (Malden: Blackwell, 2000), 279-85; and Yandall Woodfin, “The Futurity of Beauty,” in *With All Your Mind* (Nashville: Abingdon, 1980), 115-28.

Articles on the Trinity

A¹⁷ – Gerald O’Collins, “The Holy Trinity: The State of the Questions,” in *The Trinity: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Trinity*, New Edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002; Alan F. Segal, “‘Two Powers in Heaven’ and Early Christian Trinitarian Thinking,” in *The Trinity: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Trinity*, New Edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002; William P. Alston, “Substance and the Trinity,” in *The Trinity: An Interdisciplinary Symposium on the Trinity*, New Edition (New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

** These articles are copied in the “Course Documents” section of the class.

Research Papers will be written by each seminar member. They should be between 25 and 30 double-spaced pages (Times New Roman 12, 1 inch margins) with footnotes and bibliography in proper Turabian/Chicago Manual style. Research papers should focus upon a particular argument or position held by a theologian/philosopher related to the topic addressed in the seminar. Research papers are not to be surveys but rather should consist of critical analysis and response to a particular issue, argument, etc. from a particular author. Articles should thus resemble journal articles rather than articles found in theological dictionaries or historical or biblical treatments of the topic. *Research papers should be handed out or posted on Blackboard a week before they are to be presented to and discussed by the seminar.* Each seminar member is expected to have read each of the papers before the class in which it is presented. Papers should be written cleanly, without errors of style and form, in such a way that with minor alterations they can be published in a professional journal or presented at a professional meeting.

Formal Responses –Each student will be assigned to write a formal response of 4-5 pages to one paper. Responses should demonstrate an understanding of the paper and highlight both strengths and weaknesses of the paper. Responses are to be both critical and charitable. They should help the paper writer to improve his paper upon revision. Each response will also include an *errata* section citing errors or suggested improvements in form and style.

Suggested Topics for Research Papers

P¹ – *Atemporalism/God’s Timelessness*

P² – *Temporalism*

P³ – *Mediating Views on God and Time*

P⁴ – *Omnipresence*

P⁵ – *A Model of Divine Transcendence and Immanence*

P⁶ – *A Determinist Image of God*

P⁷ – *A Simple Foreknowledge, Comprehensive Foreknowledge, or Middle Knowledge Views of God*

P⁸ – *An Openness View of God*

P⁹ – *Divine Simplicity*

P¹⁰ – *Omnipotence*

P¹¹ – *Is God Immutable?*

P¹² – *Impassibility*

P¹³ – *God and Incorporeality*

P¹⁴ – *Models of Divine Providence*

P¹⁵ – *Religious Epistemology*

P¹⁶ – *Religious Language*

P¹⁵ – *The Goodness of God*

P¹⁶ – *God and the Problem of Evil*

P¹⁷ – *Perfect Being Images of God*

P¹⁸ – *Liberation Theology Images of God*

P¹⁹ – *Feminist Images of God*

P²⁰ – *Postmodern Images of God*

P²¹ – *The Triune God*

Fall Semester Bible Reading Plan **September 1, 2009 – December 19, 2009**

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Genesis 1:1-2:25, Matthew 1:1-25, Psalm 1:1-6, Proverbs 1:1-4
- 2 Genesis 3:1-4:26, Matthew 2:1-23, Psalm 2:1-6, Proverbs 1:5-6
- 3 Genesis 5:1-6:2, Matthew 3:1-17, Psalm 2:7-12, Proverbs 1:7
- 4 Genesis 7:1-9:7, Matthew 4:1-20, Psalms 3:1-8, Proverbs 1:8-9
- 5 Genesis 9:8-10:32, Matthew 4:21-5:12, Psalm 4:1-8, Proverbs 1:10-14
- 6 Genesis 11:1-12:20, Matthew 5:13-32, Psalm 5:1-6, Proverbs 1:15-16
- 7 Genesis 13:1-15:6, Matthew 5:33-6:4, Psalm 5:7-12, Proverbs 1:17-19

8 Genesis 15:7-17:27, Matthew 6:5-24, Psalm 6:1-5, Proverbs 1:20-23
9 Genesis 18:1-19:22, Matthew 6:25-7:12, Psalm 6:6-10, Proverbs 1:24-27
10 Genesis 19:23-21:21, Matthew 7:13-8:4, Psalm 7:1-8, Proverbs 1:28-31
11 Genesis 21:22-23:20, Matthew 8:5-27, Psalm 7:9-17, Proverbs 1:32-33
12 Genesis 24:1-54, Matthew 8:28-9:17, Psalm 8:1-9, Proverbs 2:1-5
13 Genesis 24:55-26:11, Matthew 9:18-38, Psalm 9:1-6, Proverbs 2:6-8
14 Genesis 26:12-27:29, Matthew 10:1-20, Psalm 9:7-12, Proverbs 2:9-10
15 Genesis 27:30-29:12, Matthew 10:21-42, Psalm 9:13-20, Proverbs 2:11-15
16 Genesis 29:13-30:43, Matthew 11:1-19, Psalm 10:1-6, Proverbs 2:16-19
17 Genesis 31:1-55, Matthew 11:20-12:8, Psalm 10:7-12, Proverbs 2:20-22
18 Genesis 32:1-33:20, Matthew 12:9-37, Psalm 10:13-18, Proverbs 3:1-2
19 Genesis 34:1-35:29, Matthew 12:38-13:9, Psalm 11:1-3, Proverbs 3:3-4
20 Genesis 36:1-43, Matthew 13:10-35, Psalm 11:4-7, Proverbs 3:5-6
21 Genesis 37:1-38:30, Matthew 13:36-58, Psalm 12:1-5, Proverbs 3:7-8
22 Genesis 39:1-41:7, Matthew 14:1-21, Psalm 12:6-8, Proverbs 3:9-10
23 Genesis 41:8-42:4, Matthew 14:22-15:9, Psalm 13:1-6, Proverbs 3:11-12
24 Genesis 42:5-43:14, Matthew 15:10-39, Psalm 14:1-7, Proverbs 3:13-14
25 Genesis 43:15-44:34, Matthew 16:1-20, Psalm 15:1-5, Proverbs 3:15-16
26 Genesis 45:1-46:27, Matthew 16:21-17:13, Psalm 16:1-6, Proverbs 3:17-18
27 Genesis 46:28-48:22, Matthew 17:14-18:9, Psalm 16:7-11, Proverbs 3:19-20
28 Genesis 49:1-50:26, Matthew 18:10-35, Psalm 17:1-5, Proverbs 3:21-24
29 Exodus 1:1-2:25, Matthew 19:1-22, Psalm 17:6-12, Proverbs 3:25-26
30 Exodus 3:1-4:31, Matthew 19:23-20:19, Psalm 17:13-15, Proverbs 27-28

OCTOBER

1 Exodus 5:1-6:30, Matthew 20:20-21:11, Psalm 18:1-6, Proverbs 3:29-32
2 Exodus 7:1-8:32, Matthew 21:12-27, Psalm 18:7-12, Proverbs 3:33-35
3 Exodus 9:1-10:20, Matthew 21:28-46, Psalm 18:13-19, Proverbs 4:1-2
4 Exodus 10:21-12:36, Matthew 22:1-22, Psalm 18:20-24, Proverbs 4:3-4
5 Exodus 12:37-14:20, Matthew 22:23-46, Psalm 18:25-29, Proverbs 4:5-6
6 Exodus 14:21-16:20, Matthew 23:1-22, Psalm 18:30-36, Proverbs 4:7-9
7 Exodus 16:21-18:27, Matthew 23:23-39, Psalm 18:37-42, Proverbs 4:10-13
8 Exodus 19:1-20:26, Matthew 24:1-14, Psalm 18:43-50, Proverbs 4:14-17
9 Exodus 21:1-22:20, Matthew 24:15-35, Psalm 19:1-6, Proverbs 4:18-19
10 Exodus 22:21-24:18, Matthew 24:36-51, Psalm 19:7-14, Proverbs 4:20-22
11 Exodus 25:1-26:14, Matthew 25:1-13, Psalm 20:1-9, Proverbs 4:23-24
12 Exodus 26:15-28:14, Matthew 25:14-30, Psalm 21:1-7, Proverbs 4:25-27
13 Exodus 28:15-29:25, Matthew 25:31-26:5, Psalm 21:8-13, Proverbs 5:1-2
14 Exodus 29:26-30:38, Matthew 26:6-25, Psalm 22:1-5, Proverbs 5:3-6
15 Exodus 31:1-32:35, Matthew 26:26-50, Psalm 22:6-10, Proverbs 5:7-8
16 Exodus 33:1-34:35, Matthew 26:51-75, Psalm 22:11-15, Proverbs 5:9-10
17 Exodus 35:1-36:19, Matthew 27:1-23, Psalm 22:16-21, Proverbs 5:11-14
18 Exodus 36:20-37:29, Matthew 27:24-44, Psalm 22:22-26, Proverbs 5:15-17
19 Exodus 38:1-39:31, Matthew 27:45-66, Psalm 22:27-31, Proverbs 5:18-20
20 Exodus 39:32-40:38, Matthew 28:1-20, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:21-23

- 21 Leviticus 1:1-3:17, Mark 1:1-20, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-3
- 22 Leviticus 4:1-5:19, Mark 1:21-45, Psalm 25:1-7, Proverbs 6:4-5
- 23 Leviticus 6:1-7:21, Mark 2:1-22, Psalm 25:8-15, Proverbs 6:6-8
- 24 Leviticus 7:22-8:36, Mark 2:23-3:12, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:9-11
- 25 Leviticus 9:1-11:12, Mark 3:13-35, Psalm 26:1-7, Proverbs 6:12-15
- 26 Leviticus 11:13-13:17, Mark 4:1-20, Psalm 26:8-12, Proverbs 6:16-19
- 27 Leviticus 13:18-14:14, Mark 4:21-41, Psalm Ps 27:1-6, Proverbs 6:20-22
- 28 Leviticus 14:15-15:12, Mark 5:1-20, Psalm 27:7-14, Proverbs 6:23-26
- 29 Leviticus 15:13-16:34, Mark 5:21-43, Psalm 28:1-5, Proverbs 6:27-29
- 30 Leviticus 17:1-19:10, Mark 6:1-20, Psalm 28:6-9, Proverbs 6:30-31
- 31 Leviticus 19:11-20:27, Mark 6:21-46, Psalm 29:1-6, Proverbs 6:32-33

NOVEMBER

- 1 Leviticus 21:1-22:33, Mark 6:47-7:16, Psalm 29:7-11, Proverbs 6:34-35
- 2 Leviticus 23:1-24:23, Mark 7:17-37, Psalm 30:1-6, Proverbs 7:1-3
- 3 Leviticus 25:1-55, Mark 8:1-21, Psalm 30:7-12, Proverbs 7:4-5
- 4 Leviticus 26:1-46, Mark 8:22-9:1, Psalm 31:1-8, Proverbs 7:6-8
- 5 Leviticus 27:1-34, Mark 9:2-29, Psalm 31:9-18, Proverbs 7:9-12
- 6 Numbers 1:1-54, Mark 9:30-50, Psalm 31:19-24, Proverbs 7:13-17
- 7 Numbers 2:1-3:16, Mark 10:1-22, Psalm 32:1-7, Proverbs 7:18-21
- 8 Numbers 3:17-4:20, Mark 10:23-45, Psalm 32:8-11, Proverbs 7:22-23
- 9 Numbers 4:21-5:31, Mark 10:46-11:11, Psalm 33:1-9, Proverbs 7:24-27
- 10 Numbers 6:1-7:29, Mark 11:12-33, Psalm 33:10-17, Proverbs 8:1-3
- 11 Numbers 7:30-89, Mark 12:1-27, Psalm 33:18-22, Proverbs 8:4-5
- 12 Numbers 8:1-10:10, Mark 12:28-44, Psalm 34:1-7, Proverbs 8:6-7
- 13 Numbers 10:11-11:35, Mark 13:1-20, Psalm 34:8-14, Proverbs 8:8-9
- 14 Numbers 12:1-14:4, Mark 13:21-37, Psalm 34:15-22, Proverbs 8:10-13
- 15 Numbers 14:5-45, Mark 14:1-21, Psalm 35:1-10, Proverbs 8:14-17
- 16 Numbers 15:1-41, Mark 14:22-42, Psalm 35:11-16, Proverbs 8:18-19
- 17 Numbers 16:1-50, Mark 14:43-72, Psalm 35:17-21, Proverbs 8:20-21
- 18 Numbers 17:1-19:8, Mark 15:1-21, Psalm 35:22-28, Proverbs 8:22-24
- 19 Numbers 19:9-21:9, Mark 15:22-47, Psalm 36:1-6, Proverbs 8:25-26
- 20 Numbers 21:10-22:41, Mark 16:1-20, Psalm 36:7-12, Proverbs 8:27-29
- 21 Numbers 23:1-24:25, Luke 1:1-23, Psalm 37:1-6, Proverbs 8:30-31
- 22 Numbers 25:1-26:22, Luke 1:24-56, Psalm 37:7-13, Proverbs 8:32-33
- 23 Numbers 26:23-65, Luke 1:57-80, Psalm 37:14-20, Proverbs 8:34-36
- 24 Numbers 27:1-28:31, Luke 2:1-20, Psalm 37:21-26, Proverbs 9:1-2
- 25 Numbers 29:1-30:16, Luke 2:21-38, Psalm 37:27-33, Proverbs 9:3-6
- 26 Numbers 31:1-54, Luke 2:39-52, Psalm 37:34-40, Proverbs 9:7-9
- 27 Numbers 32:1-42, Luke 3:1-20, Psalm 38:1-8, Proverbs 9:10-12
- 28 Numbers 33:1-56, Luke 3:21-38, Psalm 38:9-14, Proverbs 9:13-15
- 29 Numbers 34:1-35:34, Luke 4:1-21, Psalm 38:15-22, Proverbs 9:16-18
- 30 Numbers 36:1- Deuteronomy 1:46, Luke 4:22-44, Psalm 39:1-6, Proverbs 10:1-2

DECEMBER

- 1 Deuteronomy 2:1-3:29, Luke 5:1-20, Psalm 39:7-13, Proverbs 10:3-5
- 2 Deuteronomy 4:1-49, Luke 5:21-6:11, Psalm 40:1-5, Proverbs 10:6-8
- 3 Deuteronomy 5:1-6:25, Luke 6:12-36, Psalm 40:6-10, Proverbs 10:9-11
- 4 Deuteronomy 7:1-8:20, Luke 6:37-7:10, Psalm 40:11-17, Proverbs 10:12-14
- 5 Deuteronomy 9:1-10:22, Luke 7:11-35, Psalm 41:1-6, Proverbs 10:15-17
- 6 Deuteronomy 11:1-12:19, Luke 7:36-8:3, Psalm 41:7-13, Proverbs 10:18-21
- 7 Deuteronomy 12:20-14:21, Luke 8:4-25, Psalm 42:1-11, Proverbs 10:22-25
- 8 Deuteronomy 14:22-16:22, Luke 8:26-56, Psalm 43:1-5, Proverbs 10: 26-27
- 9 Deuteronomy 17:1-19:13, Luke 9:1-22, Psalm 44:1-8, Proverbs 10:28-30
- 10 Deuteronomy 19:14-21:23, Luke 9:23-45, Psalm 44:9-16, Proverbs 10:31-32
- 11 Deuteronomy 22:1-23:25, Luke 9:46-62, Psalm 44:17-26, Proverbs 11:1-4
- 12 Deuteronomy 24:1-26:19, Luke 10:1-24, Psalm 45:1-5, Proverbs 11:5-6
- 13 Deuteronomy 27:1-28:14, Luke 10:25-11:4, Psalm 45:6-12, Proverbs 11:7-8
- 14 Deuteronomy 28:15-68, Luke 11:5-28, Psalm 45:13-17, Proverbs 11:9-11
- 15 Deuteronomy 29:1-30:20, Luke 11:29-54, Psalm 46:1-11, Proverbs 11:12-13
- 16 Deuteronomy 31:1-29, Luke 12:1-21, Psalm 47:1-9, Proverbs 11:14-15
- 17 Deuteronomy 31:30-32:52, Luke 12:22-40, Psalm 48:1-7, Proverbs 11:16-18
- 18 Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12, Luke 12:41-59, Psalm 48:8-14, Proverbs 11:19-21
- 19 Joshua 1:1-3:17, Luke 13:1-21, Psalm 49:1-9, Proverbs 11:22-23

Course Schedule

Session/ Date	Presenter	Discussion of the Feinberg and Erickson Texts	Readings
8/17 am	Dr. Lemke	Introduction to the Seminar	
8/17 am		Introduction; God—The Very Idea	Feinberg, chapters 1-2
8/17 pm		The Existence and Being of God	Feinberg, chapter 5
8/17 pm		The Doctrine of the Trinity	Feinberg, chapter 10
8/31 am		What Happens to God in Contemporary Thought? Process Theology	Feinberg, chapter 3-4 Erickson, chapters 1, 3, & 13
8/31 am		God, Time, and Eternity	Feinberg, chapter 9 Erickson, chapter 6
8/31 pm		The Doctrine of Creation	Feinberg, chapter 12 Erickson, chapter 12
8/31 pm		The Moral Attributes of God Divine Providence and Evil	Feinberg, chapters 8 & 16 Erickson, chapters 5, 9, 11
9/14 am		The Attributes of God and the Non-Moral Attributes of God	Feinberg, chapters 6-7 Erickson, chapters 7-8, 10
9/14 am		The Decree of God and Divine Providence: The Decree and Human Freedom	Feinberg, chapters 11 & 13 Erickson, chapter 4
9/14 pm		A Compatibilist Specific Sovereignty Model and The Issue of Freedom and Foreknowledge	Feinberg, chapters 14-15
9/14 pm		Summary Discussion of Feinberg Text	
9/28 am		The Classical Calvinist Doctrine of God	Ware, chapters 1-2
9/28 pm		A Modified Calvinist Doctrine of God	Ware, chapters 3-4
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