



Course Overview

God is a God Who is a biblical theology course focusing on God's nature, His plan of salvation, and the principles of biblical interpretation.

- **Meeting Time:** Every Tuesday at 7 pm CST
- **Location:** Virtual Meeting Link
- **Start Date:** August 5, 2025
- **Time:** 7:00 pm (ends at 8:30 pm)

Note: Dates are subject to change based on the subject matter.

Course Objectives (Old Testament Focus)

1. **Identify and Define Key Attributes of God Revealed in the Old Testament:** Students will be able to recognize and clearly articulate core attributes of God (e.g., holiness, justice, mercy, faithfulness, sovereignty, etc.) as revealed in key Old Testament passages.
2. **Trace the Consistency of God's Character Across the Old Testament Narrative:** Students will be able to connect how God's attributes are consistently demonstrated from Genesis through the Prophets, even in different genres (law, history, poetry, prophecy).
3. **Interpret Scripture Through a Theological Lens Focused on God's Nature:** Students will be equipped to read and interpret Old Testament texts not just for historical or moral insight, but with a theological lens that highlights what the passage reveals about God's character.
4. **Distinguish Between Popular Misconceptions of God and the Biblical Revelation of His Character:** Students will be able to compare and contrast cultural or emotional assumptions about who God is with the authoritative biblical witness of who God reveals Himself to be.
5. **Develop a Personal and Practical Theology Rooted in God's Self-Revelation:** Students will reflect on how a deeper understanding of God's attributes affects their daily lives, worship, relationships, and personal identity, forming the foundation for a biblically grounded theology.

Syllabus Outline

August 5, 2025: God is a God Who Creates and Speaks

- **Focus:** Introduction + Genesis Overview
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Genesis 1–2 (Creation)
 - Genesis 3 (The Fall)
 - Genesis 4 (Cain and Abel)

- Genesis 6–9 (Noah and the Flood)
- Genesis 10 (Table of Nations)
- Genesis 11 (Tower of Babel)
- Genesis 12 & 15 (Call and Covenant with Abram)
- Genesis 17 (Circumcision)
- Genesis 18–19 (Sodom and Gomorrah)
- Genesis 22 (Isaac)
- Genesis 25 (Jacob and Esau)
- Genesis 28 (Jacob's dream)
- Genesis 32 (Wrestling with God)
- Genesis 37, 39–50 (Joseph's dreams and rise in Egypt)
- **Objective:** The Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

August 19, 2025: God is a God Who Delivers

- **Focus:** Exodus through Deuteronomy
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Exodus 1–3 (Moses' birth and call)
 - Exodus 7–12 (Plagues)
 - Exodus 14 (Red Sea)
 - Exodus 20 (Ten Commandments)
 - Leviticus 19 (Holiness)
 - Numbers 13–14 (Spying the land)
 - Numbers 20 (Water from the rock)
 - Numbers 22 (Balaam)
 - Deuteronomy 6 (The Shema)
 - Deuteronomy 30 (Choose life)
- **Objective:** Explore God's presence, holiness, and leadership through the wilderness.

September 2, 2025: God is a God Who Establishes

- **Focus:** Joshua through Ruth
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Joshua 1 (Be strong and courageous)
 - Joshua 2 (Rahab)
 - Joshua 6 (Jericho)
 - Joshua 24 (Covenant renewal)
 - Judges 2 (Cycle of sin)
 - Judges 4–5 (Deborah)
 - Judges 6–7 (Gideon)
 - Judges 11 (Jephthah)
 - Judges 13–16 (Samson)
 - Judges 21:25 (Israel had no king...)
 - Ruth (Marriage to Salmon and birth of Boaz)
- **Objective:** Observe God's faithfulness in establishing a people despite their failure.

September 16, 2025: God is a God Who Reigns

- **Focus:** 1 Samuel – 2 Chronicles
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - 1 Samuel 8–10 (Israel asks for a king)
 - 1 Samuel 16–17 (David anointed and Goliath)
 - 2 Samuel 7 (Davidic Covenant)
 - 2 Samuel 11–12 (David and Bathsheba)
 - 1 Kings 1–3 (Solomon's rise)
 - 1 Kings 6 (Building the Temple)
 - 1 Kings 8 (Temple dedication)
 - 1 Kings 10 (Queen of Sheba)
 - 1 Kings 11 (Solomon's downfall)
 - 1 Kings 12 (Division under Rehoboam)
 - 1 Kings 13 (Jeroboam's golden calves)
 - 1 Kings 17–19 (Elijah's ministry)
 - 2 Kings 2, 4 (Elisha takes over and performs miracles)
 - 2 Kings 9 (Jehu)
 - 2 Kings 14 (Jeroboam II)
 - 2 Kings 18–20 (Hezekiah)
 - 2 Kings 22–23 (Josiah)
 - 2 Kings 24–25 (Fall of Jerusalem, 586 BC)
 - 2 Kings 17 (Fall of Samaria, 722 BC)
- **Objective:** See God's rule through flawed leaders and His unshakable promises.

September 30, 2025: God is a God Who Restores

- **Focus:** Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Ezra 1 (Cyrus' decree, 538 BC)
 - Ezra 3 (Altar + Temple foundation)
 - Ezra 7 (Ezra's return)
 - Nehemiah 1–2 (Rebuilding begins)
 - Nehemiah 4 (Opposition)
 - Nehemiah 8 (Reading the Law)
 - Esther:
 - **Objective:** Highlight God's providence and restoration after exile.

October 14, 2025: God is a God Who Listens and Responds

- **Focus:** Job, Psalms
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Job 1 (God permits testing; Job's integrity)
 - Job 2 (Physical suffering and Satan's second attack)

- Job 3 (Job's lament and raw sorrow)
- Job 38 (God answers out of the whirlwind)
- Job 42 (Job repents; God restores him)
- Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd — peace and provision)
- Psalm 34 (The Lord delivers and is near to the brokenhearted)
- Psalm 51 (David's repentance and plea for cleansing)
- Psalm 73 (Struggle with injustice and the goodness of God)
- Psalm 139 (God's intimate knowledge and creative care)
- **Objective:** Explore God's nearness in pain, worship, and raw honesty.

October 28, 2025: God is a God Who Guides and Delights In Us

- **Focus:** Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Proverbs 1 (The beginning of knowledge and warning against foolishness)
 - Proverbs 3 (Trust in the Lord and practical wisdom for daily life)
 - Proverbs 4 (A father's instruction — guarding the heart)
 - Proverbs 8 (Wisdom personified, present at creation)
 - Proverbs 31 (The wise and virtuous life, including the woman of valor)
 - Ecclesiastes 1 (Everything is vanity — the search for meaning begins)
 - Ecclesiastes 3 (A time for everything — God's sovereignty in seasons)
 - Ecclesiastes 5 (The fear of God and warnings about wealth)
 - Ecclesiastes 7 (Wisdom through adversity and limits of understanding)
 - Ecclesiastes 12 (Final charge: fear God and keep His commandments)
 - Song of Songs 1 (Yearning and delight in love)
 - Song of Songs 2 (Pursuit and protection in love — "catch the foxes")
 - Song of Songs 4 (Affection and beauty spoken over the beloved)
 - Song of Songs 5 (Longing, conflict, and reconciliation in relationship)
 - Song of Songs 8 (Unstoppable love — "many waters cannot quench love")
- **Objective:** Understand God's wisdom, joy, and pursuit of relationship.

November 11, 2025: God is a God Who Sends Prophets

- **Focus:** Major Prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel (Lamentations)
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Isaiah 6 (Holy, holy, holy)
 - Isaiah 40 (Comfort my people)
 - Isaiah 53 (Suffering Servant)
 - Jeremiah 1 (Call of Jeremiah)
 - Jeremiah 7 (Temple sermon)
 - Jeremiah 29 (Letter to the exiles)
 - Jeremiah 31 (New Covenant)
 - Ezekiel 1 (The vision)
 - Ezekiel 18 (Personal responsibility)
 - Ezekiel 37 (Valley of dry bones)

- Daniel 1 (Exile begins)
- Daniel 2 (Dream of the statue)
- Daniel 3 (Fiery furnace)
- Daniel 6 (Lion's den)
- Lamentations 1 (Weeping over Jerusalem)
- Lamentations 3 (Hope in despair)
- **Objective:** See God's justice, compassion, and call to repentance.

December 2, 2025: God is a God Who Promises a New Way

- **Focus:** Minor Prophets – Hosea to Malachi
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Hosea 1 (God commands Hosea to marry Gomer — symbol of Israel's unfaithfulness)
 - Hosea 2 (God's judgment and promise to allure and restore)
 - Hosea 3 (Redemption and covenant love)
 - Hosea 6 (Call to return to the Lord — "I desire mercy, not sacrifice")
 - Hosea 11 (God's fatherly compassion despite Israel's rebellion)
 - Joel 1 (A locust plague as a wake-up call)
 - Joel 2 (Call to repentance + promise of restoration and outpouring of the Spirit)
 - Joel 3 (God judges the nations and restores His people)
 - Amos 1–2 (Judgment on surrounding nations — including Israel and Judah)
 - Amos 5 (Seek justice and righteousness — "let justice roll down like waters")
 - Amos 7 (Amos' visions and intercession)
 - Obadiah 1 (Judgment on Edom and the Day of the Lord)
 - Jonah 1 (Jonah flees God's call)
 - Jonah 2 (Jonah's prayer from the belly of the fish)
 - Jonah 3 (Nineveh repents)
 - Jonah 4 (God teaches Jonah about compassion)
 - Micah 4 (Hope for peace and a future kingdom)
 - Micah 5 (Prophecy of a ruler from Bethlehem)
 - Micah 6 (God's case against Israel — "What does the Lord require of you?")
 - Micah 7 (God's mercy and steadfast love)
- **Objective:** Hear God's consistent call to return and His promise of renewal.

December 16, 2025: God is a God Who Prepares the Way

- **Focus:** Minor Prophets + Intertestamental Period
- **Scripture:** TBA
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Nahum 1 (God's justice and power against Nineveh)
 - Nahum 3 (Woe to the bloody city — fall of Nineveh)
 - Habakkuk 1 (Habakkuk questions God's justice)
 - Habakkuk 2 (God's response — "the righteous shall live by faith")
 - Habakkuk 3 (A prayer of trust and praise)
 - Zephaniah 1 (Coming judgment on Judah)
 - Zephaniah 3 (Restoration and rejoicing over God's people)

- Haggai 1 (Rebuke for neglecting the temple)
- Haggai 2 (Encouragement to rebuild — future glory is greater)
- Zechariah 1 (Call to return to the Lord + night visions)
- Zechariah 3 (Joshua the high priest cleansed)
- Zechariah 8 (Promise of restoration and peace)
- Zechariah 9 (Prophecy of a humble king riding on a donkey)
- Zechariah 14 (The Lord reigns — future Day of the Lord)
- **Objective:** Bridge to the New Testament and reflect on God's unfolding story.