

## Course Instructor

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## Course Text (Required)

DeYoung, Kevin. *Taking God at His Word: Why the Bible is Knowable, Necessary, and Enough, and What That Means for You and Me*. Crossway, 2014. Review required first class day (see below).

## Course Description

A biblical theological investigation of the trustworthiness of God's words in the Bible. Explores scriptural evidence for the meaning of trust, God's jealousy for the integrity of his words, God's passion to be believed on the basis of his words alone, and how these themes impact the believer's relationship and response to God's Word.

## Course Goals (Learning Objectives)

By the end of this course, the student should be able to:

1. explain the components of biblical faith.
2. identify the difference between trust and belief.
3. explain God's trustworthiness in relation to his other attributes.
4. identify key ways and passages in which God emphasizes the trustworthiness of his words.
5. apply the concept of the trustworthiness of God's words to the interpretation of history, prophecy, doctrine, and eschatology.
6. identify Jesus' arguments for the trustworthiness of God's words.

## Course Projects

### Reading Reviews

**Warning:** Points will be deducted for misspellings and poor grammar. Be sure to proofread your work.

- **A Reading Review** must indicate by a "Yes" or "No" whether you *completed* the reported reading *as assigned*. If an assignment is turned in but the reading is not completed, the highest possible grade for that review will be half credit.
- In addition, a Review must include your own summary and evaluation of the assigned reading (salient points from the content, points of personal interaction with the material whether positively or negatively, strengths and weaknesses of the material, etc.).

- Reviews should be double-spaced, 12-point font, 2-4 pages (i.e., at least 2 *full* pages but no more than 4 pages).

## Text Readings

- DeYoung, *Taking God at His Word* must be completed and a **Review** turned in at the beginning of class on Monday (10/08).

## Bible Readings

Read the assigned portions (the assigned number of times) due for each day. These will prepare you for what will be covered during the lecture time and class discussion.

## Supplemental Readings

Supplemental Readings are due by 11/16/18.

- **Review:** Ferguson, Sinclair B. *From the Mouth of God: Trusting, Reading, and Applying the Bible*. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2014. (Pp. 3-56)
- **Review:** Frame, John. *The Doctrine of the Word of God*. P & R Publishing, 2010. (pp. 3-132).
- **Review:** Helm, Paul and Carl R. Trueman, eds. In *The Trustworthiness of God: Perspectives on the Nature of Scripture*. Eerdmans, 2002. Just the following essays:
  - Macleod, Donald. "Jesus and Scripture" (pp. 69-95)
  - Trueman, Carl. "The God of Unconditional Promise" (pp. 175-191)
  - Helm, Paul. "The Perfect Trustworthiness of God" (pp. 237-252)

## Exam

There will be no tests or quizzes for this course, only a final exam over the lecture material. You will receive a final exam prep document in class to narrow the focus of your exam preparation.

## Projects

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- **Project 1:** A Theology of God's Words in 1,2 Kings
- **Project 2:** Independent Application of the Trustworthiness of God's Words

## Course Policies

The student's sacred calling is to study; if you are called to be a student, you are called to study. The goal is progress in utilizing the tools of learning and understanding; grades are merely a mechanism for evaluating that progress. Skipping assignments or projects in exchange for calculated point losses is not an acceptable discharge of the stewardship of your calling as a student.

## Grading

Point Values			
#	Item	Pts.	Total
4	Reading Reviews	50	200
2	Projects	100	200
1	Exam	100	100
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>500</b>

Scale	
A	90% →
B	80% - 89%
C	70% - 79%
D	60% - 69%
F	← 60%

# Course Schedule

## 2018 Daily Assignments

DATE	DAY	READINGS	LECTURES
10/08	Mon	DeYoung Review due 1 Sam. 21 (1x); Psalm 56 (3x) Psalm 37 (3x) 2 Sam. 7; Ps. 89	1-3
10/09	Tue	Gen. 1-3 (2x)	4-6
10/10	Wed	Ruth John 11 Heb. 11— <i>mark every reference to God's words throughout the chapter</i>	7-9
10/11	Thu	1 Kings 13, 17-21 2 Kings 1-9	10-12
10/12	Fri	1 Kings 21-22; 2 Kings 22 Chisholm, "Israel According to the Prophets" in <i>The People, the Land, and the Future of Israel</i> Isa. 55	13-15
10/13	Sat	Exam Prep	16-17 (AM) Exam (After Lunch)
11/17	Sat	<b>All supplemental readings and final projects due by 9 PM (Edmonton Time).</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Ferguson (See Course Bibliography for pp)</li> <li>• Review of Frame (See Course Bibliography for pp)</li> <li>• Review of Helm &amp; Trueman (see Course Bibliography for Essays)</li> <li>• Project 1: Theology of God's Words in 1,2 Kings</li> <li>• Project 2: Independent Application of the Trustworthiness of God's Words</li> </ul>	

## Course Bibliography

\* Required reading to be reported after the class ends.

Bock, Darrell L. and Mitch Glaser, eds. *The People, the Land, and the Future of Israel*. Kregel, 2014.

- Chisholm, Robert B. Jr. "Israel According to the Prophets."
- Blaising, Craig L. "Israel and Hermeneutics."
- Saucy, Mark R. "Israel as a Necessary Theme in Biblical Theology."

DeYoung, Kevin. *Taking God at His Word: Why the Bible is Knowable, Necessary, and Enough, and What That Means for You and Me*. Crossway, 2014. (Pp. 11-124) [113pp]

\*Ferguson, Sinclair B. *From the Mouth of God: Trusting, Reading, and Applying the Bible*. Carlisle, PA: Banner of Truth, 2014. (Pp. 3-56) [53pp]

\*Frame, John. *The Doctrine of the Word of God*. P & R Publishing, 2010. (pp. 3-132) [130pp]

\*Helm, Paul and Carl R. Trueman, eds. In *The Trustworthiness of God: Perspectives on the Nature of Scripture*. Eerdmans, 2002.

- Macleod, Donald. "Jesus and Scripture" (pp. 69-95) [25pp]
- Trueman, Carl. "The God of Unconditional Promise" (pp. 175-191) [15pp]
- Helm, Paul. "The Perfect Trustworthiness of God" (pp. 237-252) [15pp]