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# Hearing God's Voice in the Pages of Scripture

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## Session #1

### The Word the Bible Speaks

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*How has God disclosed himself in Scripture,  
and how does that shape the way we  
approach the Bible?*

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## Psalm 19:7–9

‘The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul.  
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.  
The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.  
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.  
The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.  
The ordinances of the LORD are sure, and all of them are righteous.’



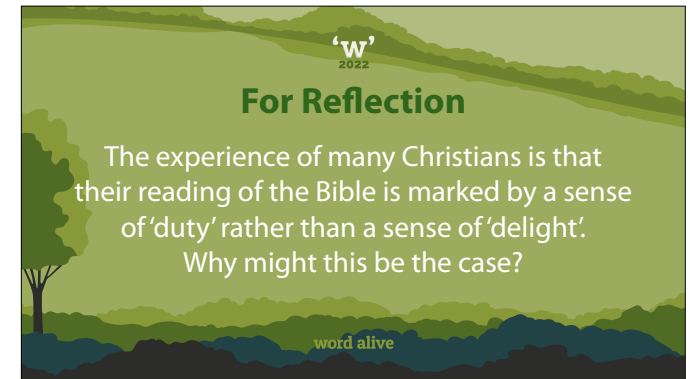
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**Psalm 119**  
*Relationship, not Relevance*

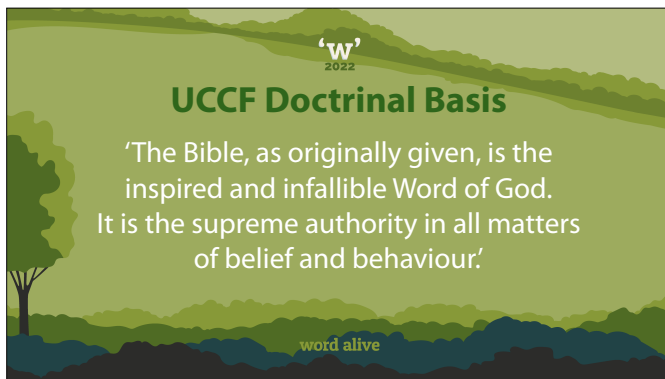


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## For Reflection

The experience of many Christians is that their reading of the Bible is marked by a sense of ‘duty’ rather than a sense of ‘delight’.  
Why might this be the case?

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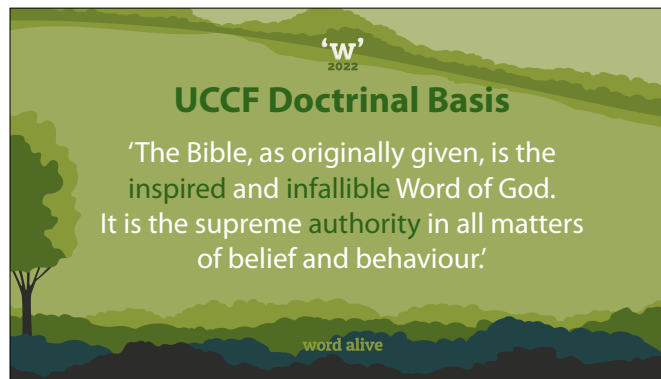


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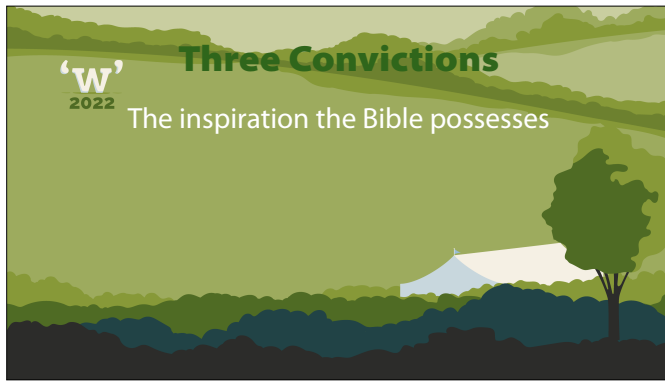
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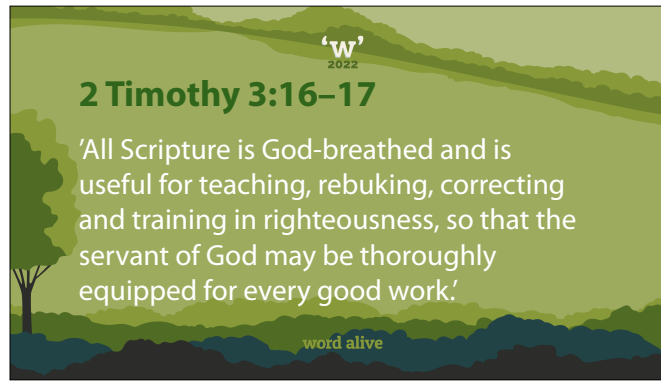
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The inspiration the Bible possesses

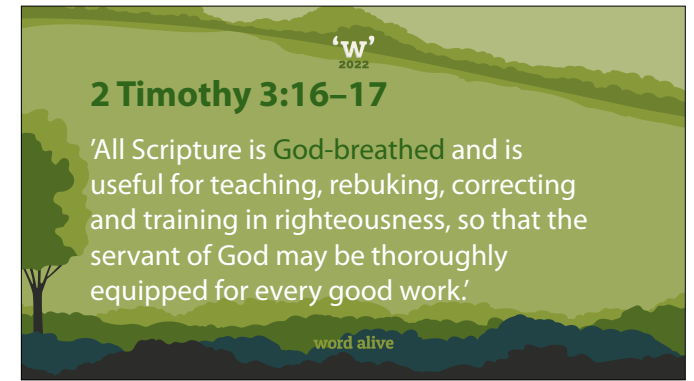


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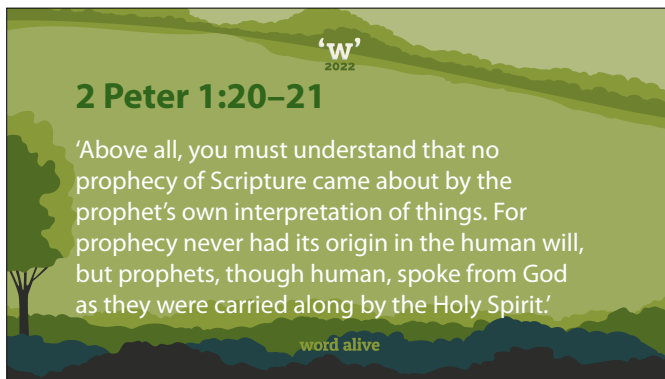


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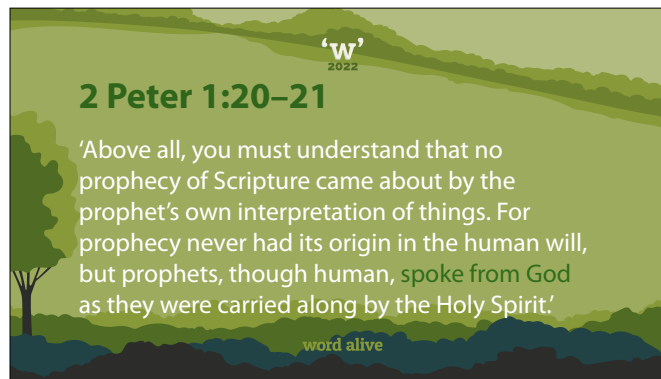


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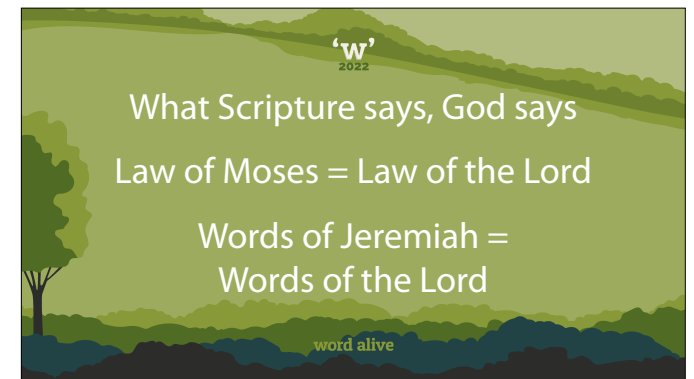


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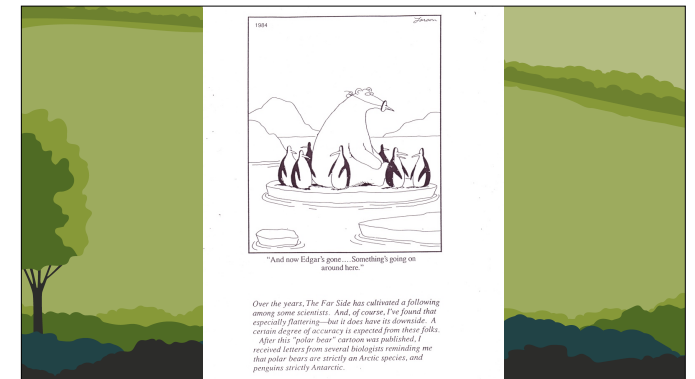
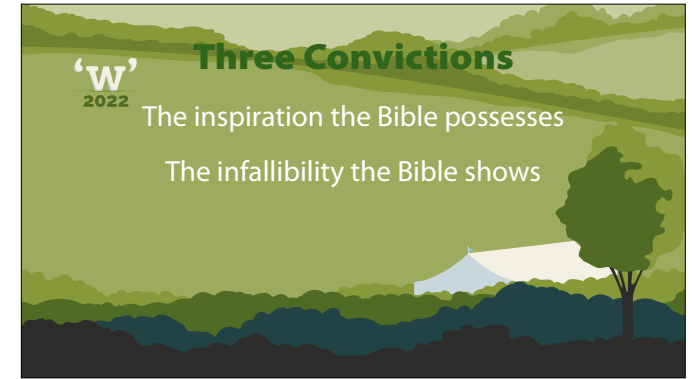
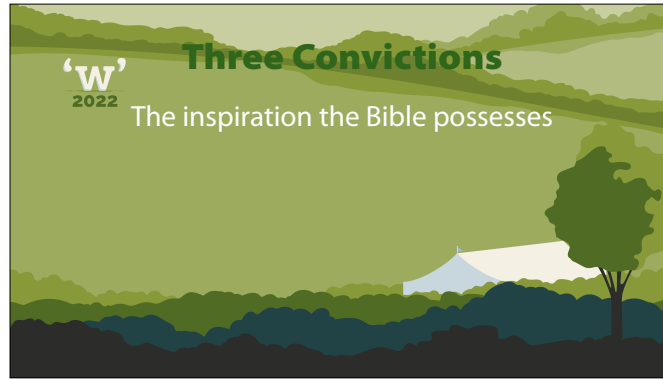
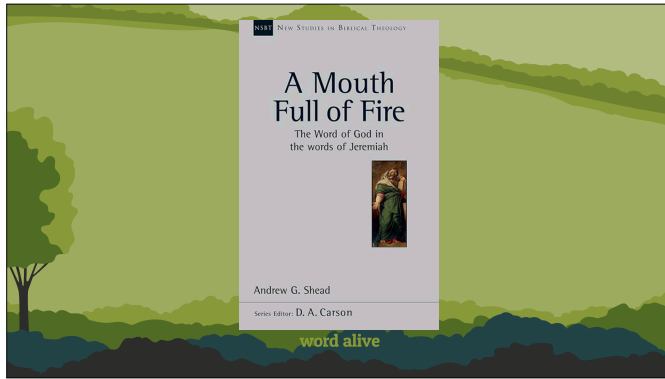
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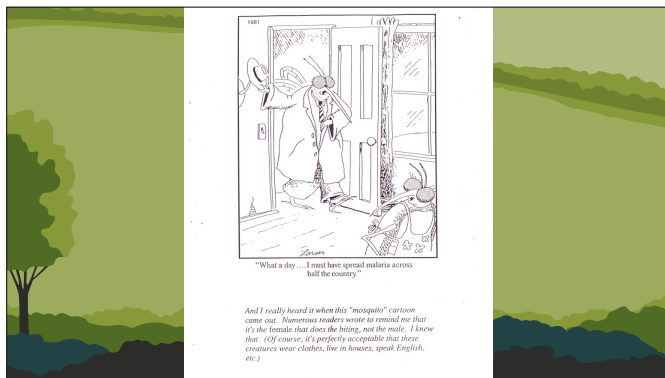


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What Scripture says, God says  
Law of Moses = Law of the Lord  
Words of Jeremiah =  
Words of the Lord

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## Three Convictions

- The inspiration the Bible possesses
- The infallibility the Bible shows
- The authority the Bible carries

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**THE FLIGHT FROM AUTHORITY**  
Religion, Morality, and the Quest for Autonomy  
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God → Self → ?

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## Authority

'Authority is that which (or the person whom) one has reason to trust.'

*Avery Dulles*

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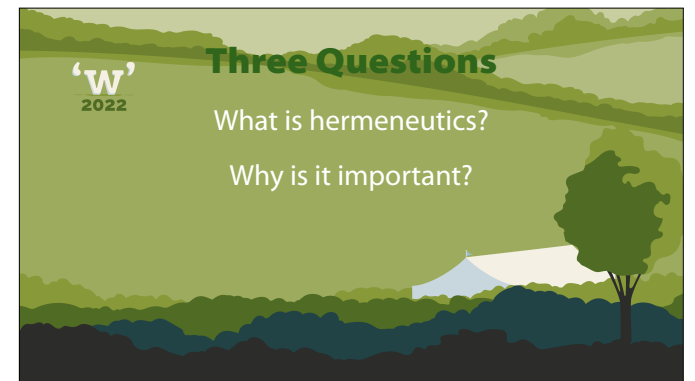
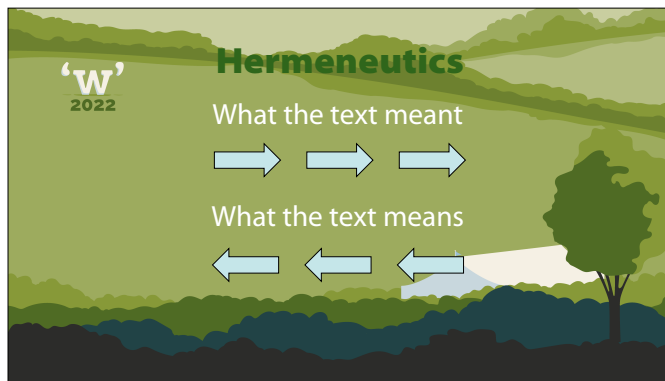
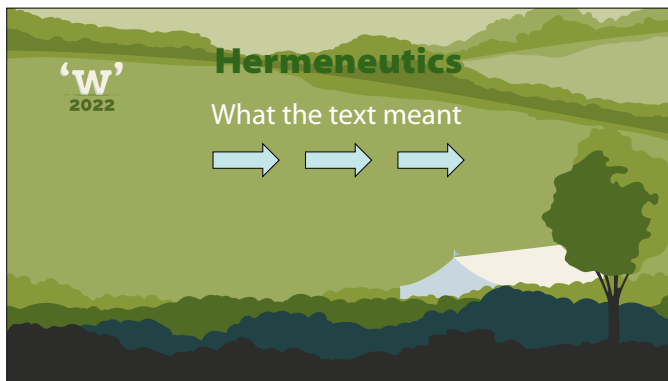
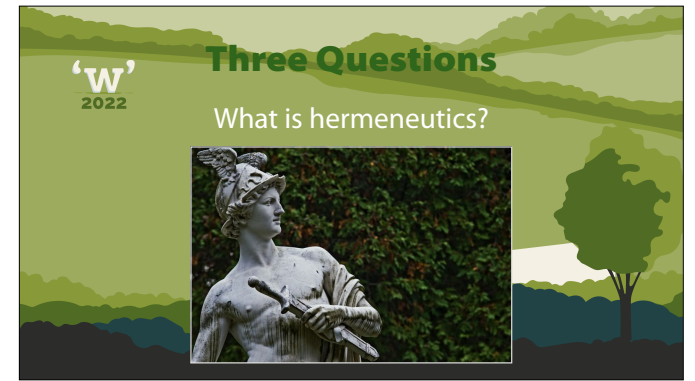
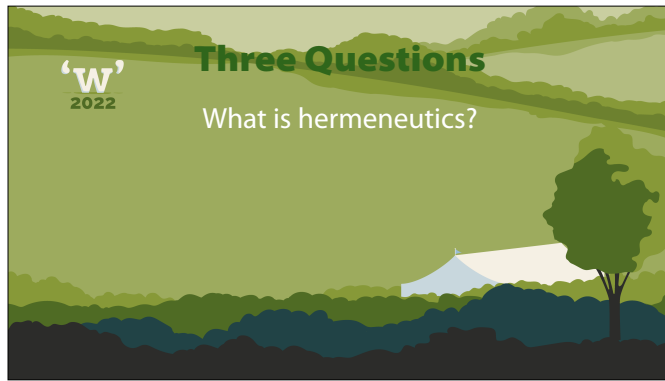
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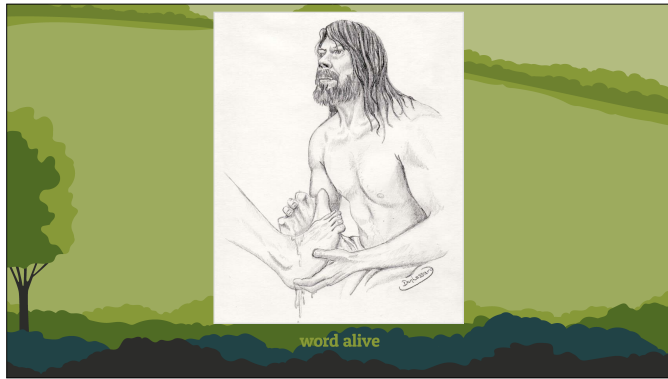
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## For Reflection

Inspired. Infallible. Authoritative.  
What do you make of these words?  
To what extent do you find it easy or difficult to accept them of the Bible?  
Why does it matter that Christians affirm them?

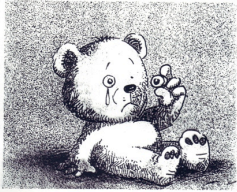
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PUDSEY BEAR IS A  
FUNDAMENTALIST EVANGELICAL!

THIS EARLY PHOTO  
OF OUR FURRY  
FRIEND DEPICTS  
THE DAY HE TOOK  
MATT 5 v 29  
LITERALLY.



(HE IS SHOWN WEeping UPON REALISATION  
THAT HE HAD PLUCKED OUT THE WRONG EYE.  
HOWEVER, HE SEWED IT BACK AND PLUCKED  
OUT THE OTHER ONE)

SO SUPPORT THIS  
THEOLOGICALLY- SOUND BEAR  
TODAY



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John 2  
2:1-11  
*Water into wine*



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## John 2

2:1-11  
*Water into wine*

2:12-21  
*Cleansing of the temple*

If anyone ever asks you, "What Would Jesus Do?"

Remind them that flipping over tables and chasing people with a whip is within the realm of possibilities.

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## Three Questions

What is hermeneutics?  
Why is it important?

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What is hermeneutics?  
Why is it important?  
Where is its focus of interest?

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