

Seminar List

October 2023 - Vacation 2024

October

Dr Peter Masters | The Pastoral Manual of Proverbs - not being merely 'sundry moral maxims', but deep, rich, miniature parables arranged in the book's stated categories, (i) reasoning with lost souls, (ii) exhortation of young believers; (iii) training the mature.

Pastor Christopher Buss | A Survey of Zechariah - with special identification of the principal themes and applications for preaching.

November

Dr Peter Masters | Church Policy and Practice - the elements of NT church life; the evangelistic strategy; the crucial place of child evangelism; the scope of pastoral initiative.

Pastor Christopher Buss | The 'Higher Christian Life' and its Effects - reviewing the leading Higher-Life authors, its manifestations today, and the helping of people affected by its ideas.

Pastor Michael Coles | A Survey of 1 Kings - a suggestive survey with special attention to the principal themes and applications for preaching.

December

Dr Peter Masters | The Holy Spirit - His divine being in both Testaments; His abstention from direct manifestation; mistakes concerning Him; His vital power and roles; His particular work of holiness and order.

Pastor Christopher Buss | The Teaching of Progressive Sanctification - the biblical doctrine set out with helps and hindrances.

Pastor Jack Seaton | A Survey of Deuteronomy - a suggestive survey with special attention to the principal themes and applications for preaching.

January

Dr Peter Masters | i) Modern Study Bibles - their technical virtues weighed against their hermeneutical disasters. ii) Hymnody - a brief history; hymn categories; a hymn defined; correct deployment of hymns in worship; the place of psalms; the necessity of hymns for Trinitarian worship.

Pastor Christopher Buss | The Doctrine of Assurance and the Teaching of Assurance to Believers - to encourage a strong living hope; counsel to the unassured.

Rev John Thackway | A Survey of Leviticus - a suggestive survey with special attention to the principal themes and applications for preaching.

February

Dr Peter Masters | i) The Church Constitution - for both pioneers and revivers of churches; factors which should be considered in the formulation of articles, and expressed in a biblical, understandable manner. ii) The Wider Evangelical Scene - things we need to know about developments in 'new' evangelicalism, the promoters, the rapidly appearing consequences, and the right precautions.

Pastor Christopher Buss | Implications of Millennialism - the profound influence of different views on the interpretation of selected books of the Bible.

Rev Malcolm Watts | A Survey of 1 Timothy - a suggestive survey with special attention to the principal themes and applications for preaching.

March

Dr Peter Masters | The Unique Revelatory Material of the Book of Job - including the causes of self-induced affliction in believers, and its avoidance, and the age-old battle between faith and works, or evangelicals and their opponents. (The pastoral 'potential' of Job cannot be exaggerated.)

Pastor Christopher Buss | Hyper-Calvinism v Persuasive Preaching of the Gospel - identifying the development and features of the former, and the virtues of the latter.

Pastor Chris Hand | A Survey of 1 Corinthians - a suggestive survey with special attention to the principal themes and applications for preaching.

April

Dr Peter Masters | i) The Benefits and Pitfalls of Expository Preaching - the welcome return to consecutive exposition has included some inappropriate approaches which do not help teaching, inspiration or evangelism. This address looks at the good, and the 'less good' aspects of the expository method. ii) The Evangelistic Sermon - a step-by-step demonstration of the preparation of such a sermon drawn from the text.

Dr Jeff Riddle | The War Against the Authentic Biblical Text - i) A Defence of the Traditional Text; ii) A Defence of the Traditional Ending of Mark; iii) A Defence of the Authenticity of the Woman Taken in Adultery.

May

Dr Peter Masters | Troubles in Churches - 'visible' and 'invisible' problems in lives; the corporate grieving of the Spirit; patient shepherding by pastors and office-bearers to effect healing.

Pastor Christopher Buss | Teaching believers about personal prayer - the importance of direction, and the necessary themes to visit.

Pastor Roger Brazier | A Survey of 2 Kings - a suggestive survey with special attention to the principal themes and applications for preaching.

June

Dr Peter Masters | Preaching - distinctive modes of sermon construction; good and bad described; dos and don'ts; the essence of preaching Christ; the thinking process required; the evangelistic sermon defined; doing justice to the fullness and happiness of the Christian life.

Pastor Christopher Buss | The Doctrinal Approach to Comfort in Trials - the most important aspect of personal pastoral ministry.

Pastor Roland Burrows | A Survey of 2 Corinthians - a suggestive survey with special attention to the principal themes and applications for preaching.