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Ch. 1 – Apologetics is a **HELPING MINISTRY** of **KNOWLEDGE WITH JESUS** in His Kingdom!

Ch. 2 – Apologetics is for everyone in a **CONTEXT** of **FAITH** in the **REALITY** of **KINGDOM PEACE ...**

“Why are you so hopeful?”

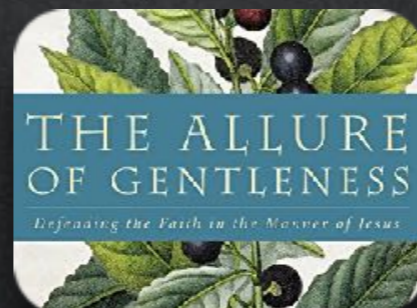
Ch. 3 – Biblical Apologetics uses **REASON** to **HELP** people **DEAL** with serious, difficult **DOUBT**, not proving, bullying, or evidences, but served with humble, generous, open, loving confidence in God.

Ch. 4 – **SELF-SUBSISTENT**
“I AM” God...

...not obvious to those who do not want to see Him, He gives **SPACE** to **SEEK & FIND** Him.

Chapter 5 Summary

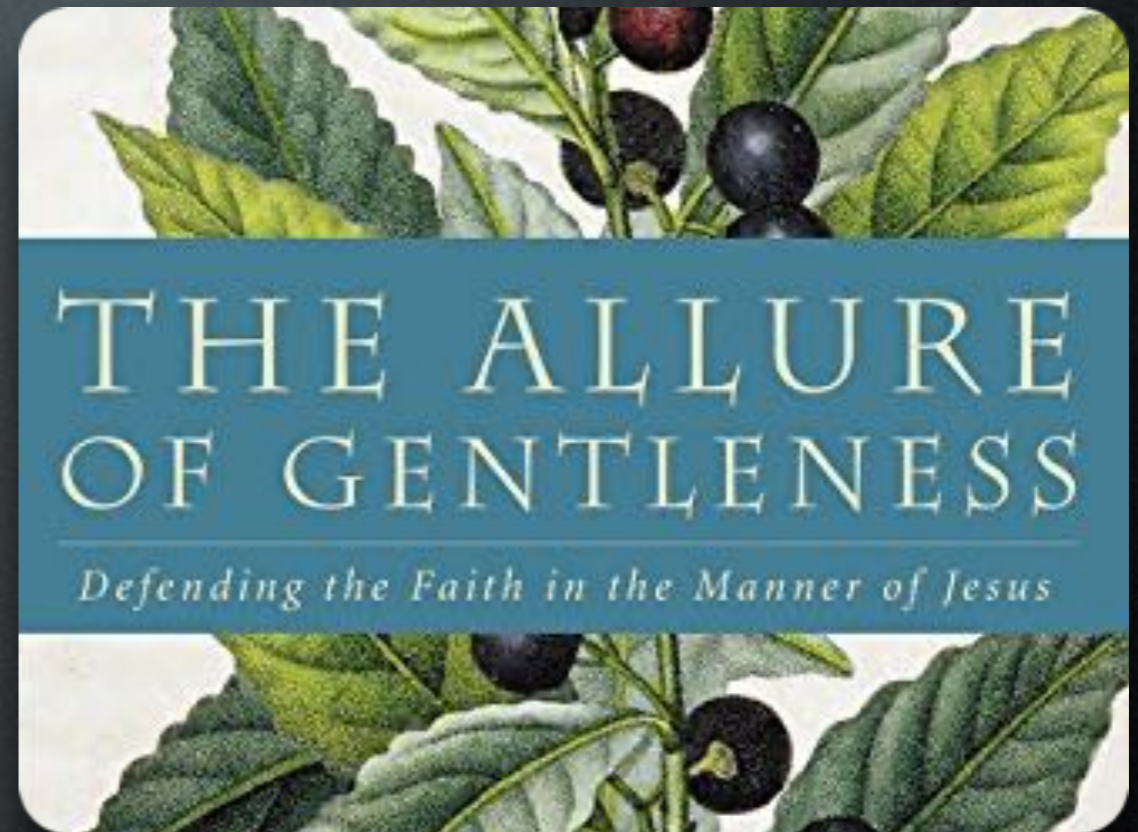
God is working for the **GOOD** of **HIS CROWN JEWEL** of Creation through His **WORD** and **CULTURE** in **HISTORY** to create a **COMMUNITY** of **LOVE** that **SEEKS** Him and **FINDS** life in Him.



Chapter 6 Summary

Pain and evil exist because God permits them but He does not produce them. Separating pain from evil makes good character possible through pain, and without evil, there is no possibility of good, but our good God wins over evil.

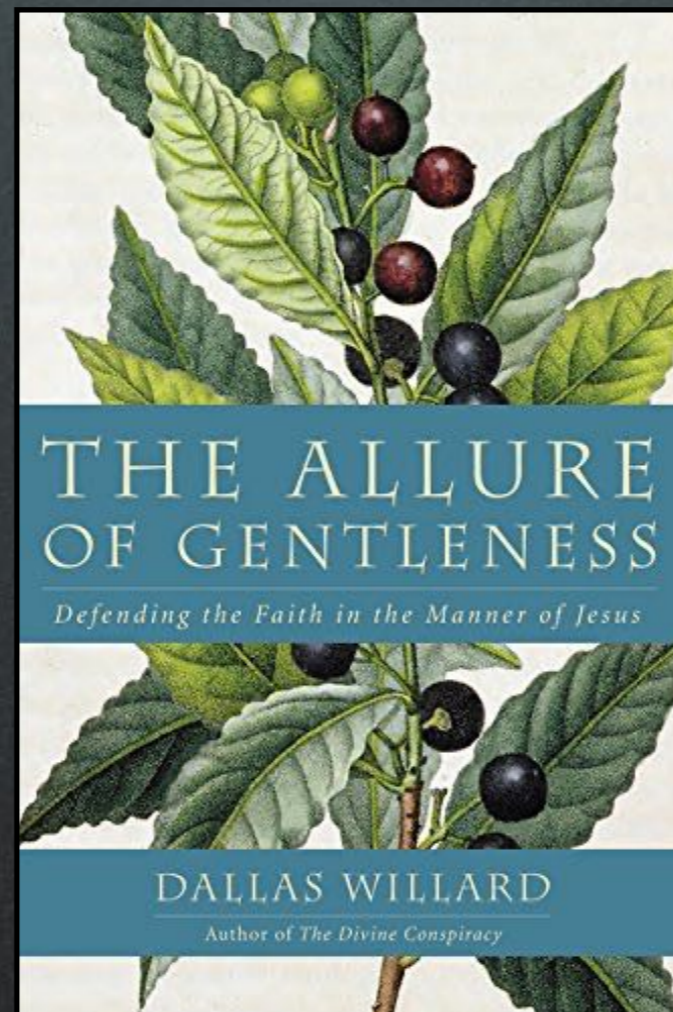
With guidance and help from Jesus, we can stand against evil, if we choose to.



THE ALLURE OF GENTLENESS

Session 7

Chapter 7 - *“Living and Acting with God”*





THE BIG IDEA — “Kingdom Living”

The ultimate apologetic is the life of the individual who is living out of the resources of the kingdom of God...

...people who are actually accomplishing things in the Kingdom of the Heavens through our prayers and our words.

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THREE POINTS of a PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP with GOD

- A Personal Reality — “God is a person and approaches people redemptively as a person.” (144)
- Living Proof — “Why are you hopeful? Less proof...more sense.” (145 & 85)
- Personal Walk with God — “I will show you how it works* in the daily moments of my existence: God speaking to us.” (146)

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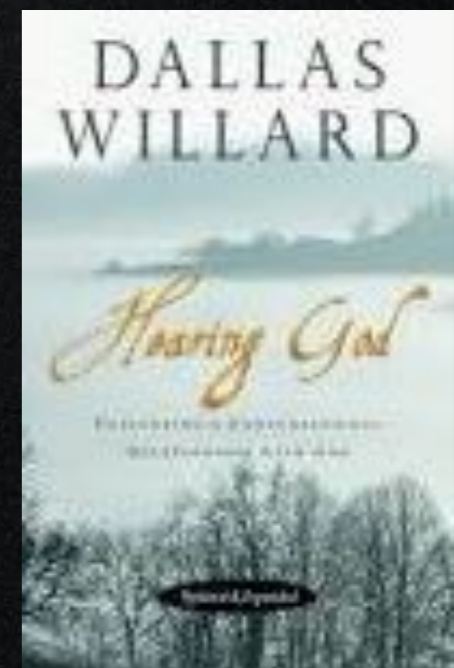


I believe the single most important thing I have to do is to encourage people to believe that God will speak* to them and that they can come to understand and recognize His voice.

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GOD SPEAKING to US

One of the most important topics in apologetics is the issue of God's speaking to us. (147)

God's "still small voice" causing thoughts in our mind.
Know the spirit, tone & content of God's voice.



- > Is “God speaks to us” Biblical?
- > Are we looking to God to make our decisions?

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He also needs to say a lot of things
to you that aren't in scripture.

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THE THREE LIGHTS — Frederick B. Meyer

- Circumstances
- Impressions of the Spirit
 - The Bible

+ Counsel — Rick Warren

The Three Lights (again in *Hearing God*)

Circumstance — Holy Spirit Impressions — The Bible

First, the Holy Spirit works through Scriptures

*“Without the present illumination of the Holy Spirit,
the Word of God remains a dead letter.”*

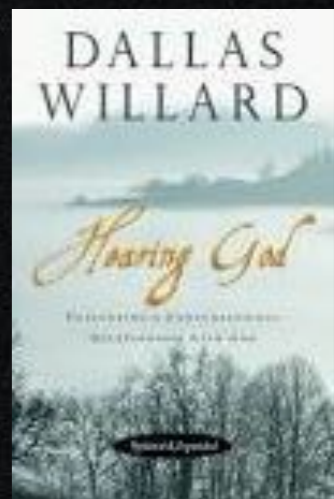
William Law, *The Power of the Spirit*, p. 61

Q: How do we recognize or authenticate God’s Voice?

A: Does it confess Jesus as Lord or Son of God?

Open or closed doors of circumstances cannot function independently of the other two lights. (224)

The three lights tend to be limited to guidance, not helping us understand the conversation. (225)



HEARING GOD

Session 9 - *“Recognizing the Voice of God”*

Chapter 8

The Conditions of Responsible Judgment

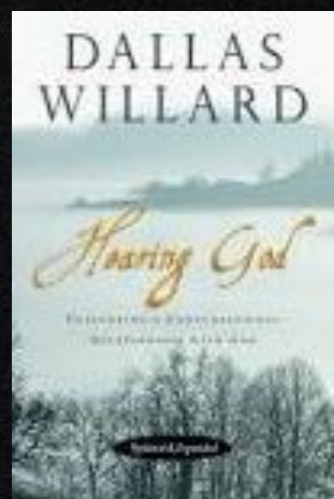
Q – How are we to understand the role the Three Lights play in hearing God’s voice?

1st: Hearing God does not exclude our own judgment.
We still make the decision.

2nd: God’s directive word in conjunction with:

- Responsible study and meditation on the Bible
- Experience of Spirit movements by our heart
- Intelligent alertness to the circumstances

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“Pray & Watch” (acrostic by Doug Webster)

Word

*“Devote yourselves to prayer,
being watchful and thankful.”*

Ask

Colossians 4:2

Think...Biblically like Jesus

Counsel

Happenings



*“Watch and pray so that you will
not fall into temptation. The spirit
is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

Mark 14:38

BRAIN RECESS



"That's the closest you'll see to Dallas dancing."



THE REALITY of a PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP
WITH GOD — John 17:3



Review (143-146)

- Personal God
- Living Proof
- Walking with God

Apologetics: From Argument to Real Life Experience (155)

This is difficult work because
it puts each one of us on the line.

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OUR INTERACTION WITH GOD

- ↓ God speaking to us
- ↑ Us speaking to God
- ↕ Us speaking with God

*“Conversations
of
prayerful love”**

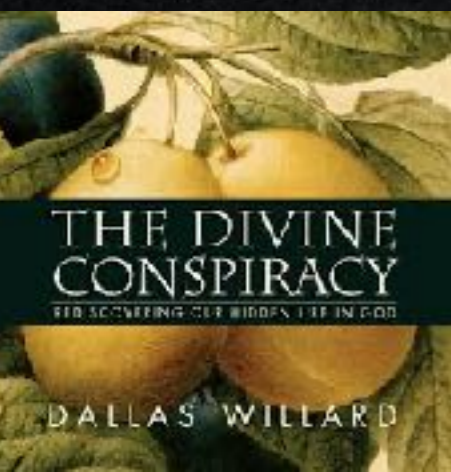


Interacting with God to redeem the time (Eph. 5:16)
as Salt & Light to show the grace & glory of God.

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* *The Divine Conspiracy*, Ch. 7 on Matthew 7

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LIVING in the TWENTY-THIRD PSALM*

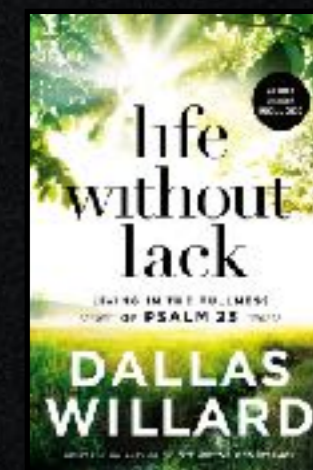
“Casual Confidence”

God’s presence is the whole story!
The Resurrection — Jesus is now living with us.

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The OT at its highest



PRAYING & SAYING...A CONTINUUM

“How? The Kingdom of God works with words.” (160, 146)

The Centurion (Mathew 8:5-13)

A Fig Tree (Mark 11:12-14, 20-24)

We are willing God's will on Earth
and we are speaking to God about it. (165)

Empowered to live...“In Jesus Name!”

Behaving within the structure of the Kingdom (166, 26, 136)

Acts 3:1-10 - Peter Said & Did

THE ULTIMATE APOLOGETIC - *“DOUBT LIFTER”*

Daily interaction in the Kingdom by faith with the Great Shepherd and inviting others who will be inspired to experiment – that is to try something.

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An act of entry is necessary.

A deep humbling is a prerequisite.

To enter into life - to be loved and filled with love.



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Q&C

Your Questions & Comments are welcome!

(Use the Q&A on the bottom of your Zoom screen)



Q&A

Meditation — *Psalm 23*

V-I-M in your next 10,000 minutes...

VISION — — What is the tone, spirit and/or content of God's voice in my head?

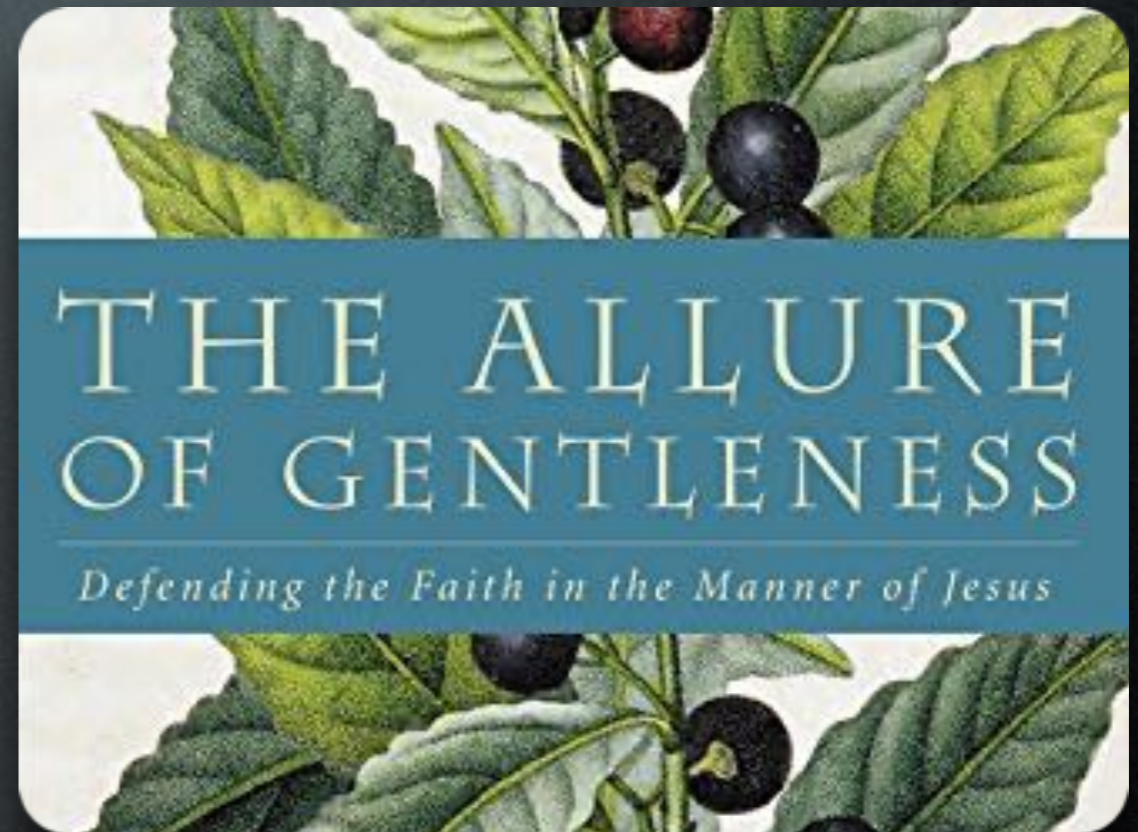
INTENTION — How much and with whom do I desire to experiment living a Psalm 23 life?

MEANS — What is the ultimate apologetic to me?
Where will my "act of entry" be next?



Chapter 7 Summary

Biblical apologetics presents living in the Kingdom of a personal God who speaks to us, as we speak to Him and to each other, gently and respectfully in His name, offering living proof of His interactive presence in our daily lives.



Gracious Lord, we are thankful to be drawn into your Kingdom. We are thankful, wherever we are in our work, in our family, in our play, or whatever else may be happening, to know that we are under your Kingdom rule, that Heaven is over us, and that our God reigns.

Lord, help us to be simple, humble, and thoughtful as we listen to others and help them come to faith in the One who has given us life.

In Jesus' name we pray! *Amen*

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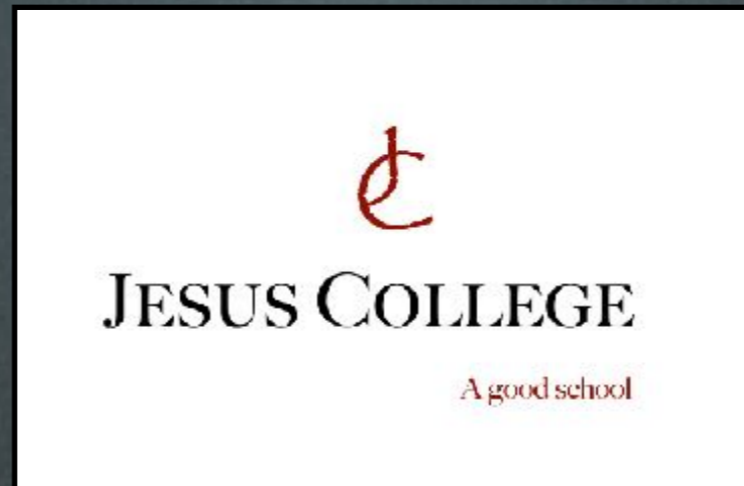
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