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## Breaking Free from Faulty Strongholds The Haphazard Hermeneutics of Beth Moore

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Popular author and Bible teacher Beth Moore unabashedly boasts, "I'm such a woman of overstatement and hyperbole."<sup>1</sup> Her admission may be more telling — and hazardous — than she realizes.

Moore's penchant for embellishment is especially grave when she repeatedly claims God has said something that He has not said. It is bad enough to bear false witness against one's neighbor (Exodus 20:16), but to bear false witness against God is far worse (Deuteronomy 18:20).

### TEACHERS BEWARE

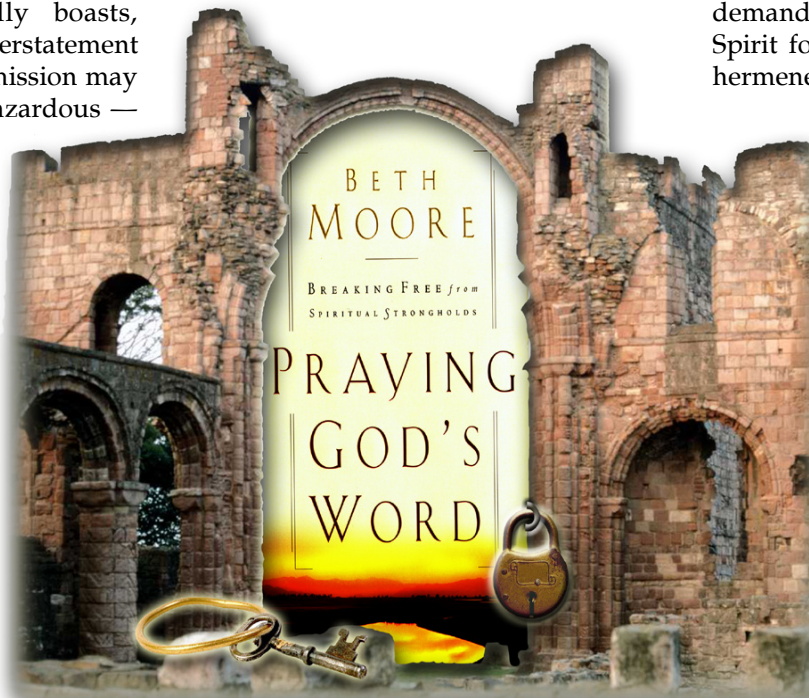
James warns, "My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment" (James 3:1). Therefore, we must use and apply the Bible responsibly and interpret it prayerfully and properly to the

best of our ability. Such a charge demands that we depend on the Holy Spirit for illumination and use sound hermeneutics.

Biblical hermeneutics is "The study of the interpretation of the biblical text, both what it meant to its original readers and what it means for modern readers."<sup>2</sup> So much of what is passed off as hermeneutics today is man-centered, subjective speculation. Rejecting hermeneutics is itself a failed hermeneutic.

Reformed theologian R.C. Sproul explains why hermeneutics is so important:

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