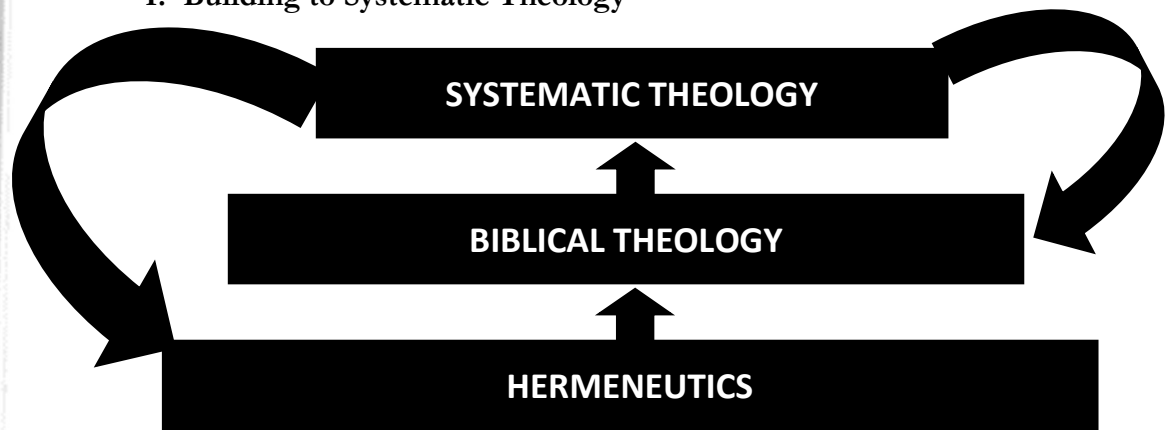
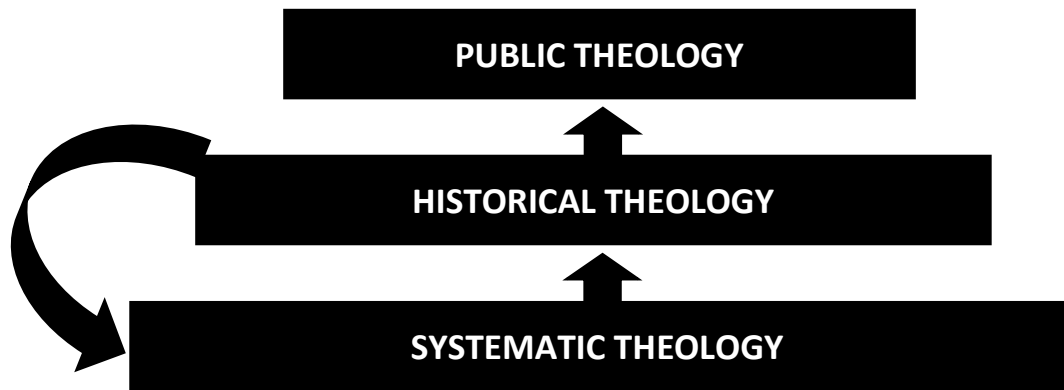


Session 2: Systematic Theology, Other Biblical Disciplines, and Biblical Authority

I. Building to Systematic Theology



II. Building From Systematic Theology



III. Biblical Authority

A. Authority Defined

1. Word English Dictionary: “the power or right to control, judge, or prohibit the actions of others”
2. Biblical Authority: The Bible, by nature of its inspiration, possesses the right to direct us in what we should believe and how we should live.
3. Grudem: “...to disbelieve or disobey any word of scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God.”

B. God’s Authority

1. God has authority because He is God. (Isaiah 46:8-12)
2. God has authority because He is Creator. (Genesis 1:26-30)
3. God has authority because He is Savior (Christ’s Authority)
 1. Christ’s teachings possess authority. (Matthew 7:29)
 2. Christ possesses authority to forgive sins. (Mark 2:10)
 3. Christ possesses authority above all other authorities (Eph. 1:18-23; Matthew 28:18)



C. God's Authority Extends to His Word

1. Exodus 20:1-3

2. Matthew 4:4

3. I Corinthians 9:8

4. 2 Peter 1:16-20

5. Hebrews 4:12-13

D. Current Issues Regarding Biblical Authority

1. Tradition vs. Biblical Authority

2. Revelatory Authority

3. Experiential Authority

4. Circular Reasoning