

Biblical Ethics and Application

SYMPOSIUM IN HONOR OF
PROF. DR. DR. JAN G. VAN DER WATT

Venues on Campus

Symposium Friday and Saturday

Fakultätssaal Philosophicum
Jacob-Welder-Weg 18, Room 01-185,
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Official Ceremony and Public Lecture

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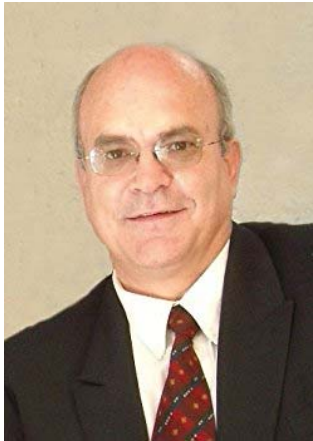
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BIBLICAL ETHICS AND APPLICATION

Does the Bible still play a role in a Christian's daily life, in forming a moral character, in providing an orientation for the moral statements of Christian communities such as the churches, or even in social values and norms? Or can the biblical texts serve as a source of stimulation for forms of ethical thinking and reflection (e.g. narrative ethics, metaphorical ethics)? How can one refer to texts of the Bible in moral conduct and ethical debate? Where are the limits of such an application?

The general issue will be approached from three different perspectives:

- 1) a text-immanent linguistic, narrative or rhetorical approach to describe the literary devices and signals whereby a text formulates a more generalized perspective.
- 2) A socio-historical approach to reconstruct the probable or intended impact of this text on the explicit readers, as well as early Christian or later discourses.
- 3) A hermeneutical approach dealing with the use of the biblical text in contemporary ethical debates interacting with current ethical theories or moral philosophy.

The symposium is held in honor of Prof. Dr. Dr. Jan G. van der Watt, Hoogleraar Exegese van het Nieuwe Testament en Bronteksten van het Christendom, Radboud University, The Netherlands on the occasion of his 65th birthday. He developed pioneer work on Ethics in Johannine Literature, which will be of special interest in the symposium as well.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

13.30 Welcome Address
14.00-14.30 Prof. Dr. Stephan Joubert/
Prof. Dr. Ruben Zimmermann
Introduction

Section 1 Ethics and Application in the Gospel of John

14.30-15.00 Prof. Dr. Robert L. Brawley
Jesus as the middle term for the relationships with God in the Fourth Gospel
15.00-15.30 Prof. Dr. R. Alan Culpepper
The ethics of the shepherd
15.30-16.00 Prof. Dr. Ruben Zimmermann
The public dimension of friendship ethics in John
16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

Section 2 Application and the Language of Morals

16.30-17.00 Prof. Dr. Cilliers Breytenbach
Das Wissen und Nicht-Wissen um die Zeit als Verhaltensregel (Mark 13)
17.00-17.30 Prof. Dr. Joseph Verheyden
Disqualifying the opponent:
The catalogue of vices in Matt 15:19
17.30-18.00 Prof. Dr. Craig R. Koester
Babylon and New Jerusalem in the Book of Revelation: Imagery and ethical discernment
18.00-19.30 Break

OFFICIAL CEREMONY

19.30-20.00 Laudatio
20.00-21.00 Public Lecture
Prof. Dr. Udo Schnelle
Ethik und Kosmologie bei Paulus

Reception with Brezel, Spundekäs and Riesling

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Section 3 Application within Reception History of the Bible

09.00-09.30 Prof. Dr. Bert Jan Lietaert Peerbolte
Protection against evil: Jesus Christ as shield and buckler (Psalm 91)
09.30-10.00 Prof. Dr. D. Francois Tolmie
John Chrysostom and the "implicit ethics" of the Letter to Philemon
10.00-10.30 Prof. Dr. Rainer Hirsch-Luipold
Impliziter und grammatischer Imperativ im Philipperbrief vor dem Hintergrund zeitgenössischer Literatur zum Gebet
11.30-11:00 Coffee Break

Section 4 Biblical ethics, moral conduct and current ethical debate

11.00-11.30 Prof. Dr. Stephan Joubert
The Kenotic μορφή of Christ and character formation according Phil 2:5-11
11.30-12.00 Prof. Dr. Michael Theobald
Grenzüberschreitendes Ethos in den Pastoralbriefen (Tit 3,2)
12.00-12.30 Prof. Dr. Bart J. Koet
"Calling" as a key to the dynamics of behavior according to Paul in 1 Cor 1
12.30-14.00 Lunch Break
14.00-14.30 Prof. Dr. Michael Wolter
Christen und die Obrigkeit nach Röm 13
14.30-15.00 Prof. Dr. Michael Labahn
Begründungsstrategie der Ethik in der Offenbarung des Johannes

Synthesis 15.00-16.00

Final Discussion: Ethics and Application
Response Prof. Dr. Dr. Jan G. van der Watt