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Kevin Hester Publishes First Book

NASHVILLE, TN—Dr. Kevin Hester, professor of Biblical and Ministry Studies at Free Will Baptist Bible College, published his first book in 2007, a 150-page volume titled *Eschatology and Pain in St. Gregory the Great: The Christological Synthesis of Gregory's Morals on the Book of Job*. The paperback volume is part of the Studies in Christian History and Thought series printed by Paternoster, an evangelical English publishing company.

The book is an adaptation of Hester's doctoral dissertation focusing on the two major themes of eschatology and pain in the five-volume work of St. Gregory the Great, a transitional leader who was Pope of the Roman Catholic Church (590-604) and known for his central role in developing a particular brand of medieval spirituality.

"Hester's writing is clear and direct," said Dr. Carole Straw, history professor at Mount Holyoake College. "His arguments are persuasive. This is an admirable first book."

Dr. Brian Daley (University of Notre Dame) agrees with Straw. "Kevin Hester has succeeded beautifully in sharing the coherence of Gregory the Great's monumental homilies on the book of Job. This book is not only a perceptive, well informed essay on late Patristic theology, but a moving call to join in Gregory's contemplative vision—a book to nourish our spirits as well as our minds."

Dallas Theological Seminary's Dr. Jeffrey Bingham said, "For those who seek pastoral perspective from Job and other biblical texts, (Hester's work) will provide insight into the deeply Christological, contemplative, and moral nature of Gregorian spirituality."

Dr. Hester, age 36, graduated from FWBBC (1993), and subsequently earned the M.Div. degree (1997) at Covenant Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. (2002) from Saint Louis University.

Copies of Dr. Hester's book may be ordered through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).