

a neighboring Bible institute in evening school. The president of the college was quite shocked at this, and called him in to see him. He told the young man, who, by the way, was the son of a missionary, that if he took work in this Bible institute, it would close his mind, and he would lose the whole value of his college course. This president of this college happened to have been a professor of church history in a Presbyterian Theological Seminary previous to becoming president of the college. Consequently, he was quite familiar with this field. He proceeded to say to the young man that seeing he was studying the Bible in this Bible institute, it was important that he should know something about this question, "How do you know that we have the right books?" And so, he asked the young man whether the books had been selected by an individual, such as a Pope, or a great church leader, or whether they had been selected by a council. The student ~~do~~ did not know which of these two to say, and so he made a guess and said that they had been selected by a council. The professor was immediately able to assure him that this was not true, and used this to prove to him that he needed more college work before he would be ready to get true value from the Bible institute work. As a matter of fact, of course, if the young man had said an individual, the professor could equally well have assured him that this was not the case, since we have no evidence that the books in our Scripture are there because of any statement by any individual of outstanding position, or because of the action of any council. Their authority does not come from some great church leader or leader of the Jews, or from some council of God's people. The authority was in the book from the time of its writing, because it was given to the writer by the Lord as inspired and intended to be authoritative.

Naturally, we can see that there is something of a problem involved here. Jeremiah in his book, tells us about the actions of the false prophets, and many of the people of Judah took these false prophets as true prophets, and desired to kill Jeremiah. We have no record that these false prophets wrote books, and it is altogether possible, in fact probable, that some of them did. Jeremiah said that they were false prophets, and they said that he was. Since they were promising great blessing from God, and he was declaring that their land would be destroyed and left desolate, naturally