

From the Editors

Dear Readers,

The *Birmingham Theological Journal* is just one of many exciting initiatives at BTS. The seminary continues to experience significant growth across our advanced academic programs, highlighted by the recent launch of both the Master of Theology (ThM) and the DMin in Chaplaincy degrees. In addition, our prison initiative has expanded through a new partnership with Ligonier Ministries, enabling us to train students within the Bibb Correctional Facility using Ligonier’s discipleship resources. Within the facility, BTS prison initiative graduates lead the Ligonier certificate training program, the only one of its kind in over 800 prisons served by Ligonier.

In this issue of the *BTJ*, an article and a book review—both related to C. S. Lewis—serve as bookends for the 2025 issue. The opening article explores Lewis’s wartime concern over fundamentalism versus “mere” Christianity. Other articles engage the Christ-Faith, Torah-Works debate and the ethics surrounding assisted reproductive technology. Following the articles, we are pleased to offer a guest book review from Ms. Lauren Lockhart, a PhD student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary whose dissertation will examine intertextuality between Paul and the Old Testament. She evaluates a book that offers an alternative view of intertextuality called recontextualization. Concluding the issue is another book review that returns to the C. S. Lewis theme by focusing on Lewis’s prophetic insights on Christian living, as depicted in the Ransom Trilogy.

Finally, we want to announce our best article award from the 2024 issue of the *BTJ*. The 2024 faculty review board voted for the article “Division of the Divine: A Brief Study on Divine Objects in the Ancient Near East” by R. R. Lord, who is now our newest editor for the *BTJ*. Congratulations! The recommended citation for this award-winning article follows:

R. R. Lord. “Division of the Divine: A Brief Study on Divine Objects in the Ancient Near East.” *Birmingham Theological Journal* 2, no. 1 (Dec. 2024): 19–50.

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