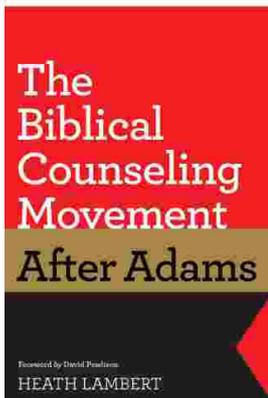


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Book Review By Blake Introduction The Biblical Counseling Movement After Adams was written by Heath Lambert, who is the Assistant Professor of biblical counseling at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has his PhD from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is an executive director of the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors and founding council board member at the Biblical Counseling Coalition. Lambert uses his knowledge of biblical counseling and the history of biblical counseling to show how the movement has advanced from the first generation of biblical counselors to the second generation. Summary In this book, Lambert seeks to demonstrate the need for biblical counseling, how first and second generations hold to the same core principals of biblical counseling, how the second generation of biblical counselors have advanced the biblical counseling movement, and how the third generation can continue to build off the foundation of the first two. Biblical counseling was a neglected ministry of the church for over a hundred years until Jay Adams started to publish books on counseling. Prior to Adams, advancement in this area was left up to people outside the church. The people outside the church built their counseling models off secular thought that was pioneered by people opposed to God and the bible. Both the first and second generation of biblical counselors are in agreement on the core principles of counseling. Both groups believe in the sufficiency of scripture when it comes to counseling. God uses His word to help us grow and be transformed and conformed to the image of Jesus Christ. Both groups also believe there is no change apart from the gospel. Any method to change apart from the gospel is behavior modification. Another point of agreement is on the church's role in counseling. Pastoral ministry and counseling ministry cannot be separated. All ministers of the gospel need to be able to counsel and help people change. The last point of agreement is the concern of secular psychology. Secular psychology is rooted in non-biblical principles and methodologies. Anything rooted in something other than the bible is open to error. The purpose of this book is not to point out the faults of Jay Adams or any of the other first generation of counselors. In fact, Lambert even says, "Adams has been one of the most consequential men in church history in the last 150 years (46)." Even though the first generation made great strides in biblical counseling; the movement still needed advances. One of the advancements of second generation of counselors is in the areas of sin and suffering. Many of the first generation counselors focused their work on sin but not necessarily on