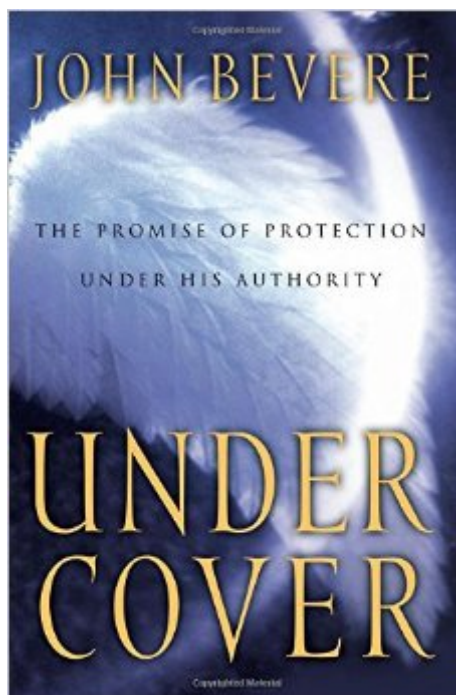


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This well loved writer effectively uses his personal mistakes to illustrate riveting truths about repentance and forgiveness. As he focuses on the true authority of God, he is careful to explain by example the important difference between "submission" and "obedience." The same struggle with divine authority is also represented through the lives of John the Baptist, the Apostle Paul, and other biblical figures. An especially helpful book for Christians who want to develop a serious pursuit of God.

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John Bevere, I believe, is a sincere man of God who intends to encourage God's people with biblical truth; however, on this subject I found his handling of Scripture a bit misplaced in some instances. He tends to rely heavily on the traditional ideals of positional leadership and authority, which are popular among most of those who teach "covering theology." While Bevere's handling of the subject is perhaps a bit more graceful than some, it is still primarily the same ol' traditional view that is backed by scarce biblical support. In fact, one has to rely principally upon Old Testament texts to really push this view of leadership because the New Testament pattern is so different. The concept of "church covering" is not even found one time in the New Testament and Jesus, in fact, told His disciples NOT to serve His body as "authorities" who were over them, bearing titles and having men address them as such (Luke 22:25-27; Matthew 23:8-12). A study of church history reveals that most of the implications of "official" ministry terminology found in our KJV's come from romanistic

influence and do not appear in the original texts and are unheard of in the first couple centuries of Christian writings. For example, many passages in the NT that refer to "offices" of ministry simply refer to "serving", "leading by example", or "being watchful and caring for" the Lord's flock (emphasis on the flock being "the Lord's") not ruling or exercising authority over others. Jesus' own directive to His disciples was, if you want to be great, serve! Lay your life down! Wash feet! Don't expect to be paid for your service, but give freely and do everything you can to avoid the trap of money (1 Corinthians 9:18-19; 2 Corinthians 2:14-19; Mark 6:8-11; Acts 20:33-35; 1 Timothy 3:3,8; John 10:11-12; etc.).

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