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*Integrative Preaching: The Pulpit at the Center*, by William H. Willimon. Nashville: Abingdon, 1981. 101 pp. + notes, bibliography, index. \$4.95.

Willimon, himself a well-known preacher, attempts to see the sermon in the context of the local church with all its activities — administration, counseling, study, visitation, teaching. In the *Abingdon Preacher's Library* series.

*Preaching Biblically: Exegesis and Interpretation*, by William D. Thompson. Nashville: Abingdon, 1981. 115 pp., + notes, bibliography, exegetical tools, indexes. \$4.95.

The editor of the *Abingdon Preacher's Library* series himself contributes a volume on the all-important subject of translating, into sermon form, principles of biblical interpretation.

*A Theology of Preaching: The Dynamics of the Gospel*, by Richard Lischer. Nashville: Abingdon, 1981. 97 pp. + notes and index. \$4.95.

Another in the *Abingdon Preacher's Library* series, this volume's purpose relates to the interplay of preaching and theology, and therefore the preacher's highly significant pulpit role

*The Person in the Pulpit: Preaching as Caring*, by Willard F. Jabusch. Nashville: Abingdon, 1980. 119 pp. + notes and index. \$4.95.

Preaching seen in the light of pastoral concern and the needs of the listeners. In the *Abingdon Preacher's Library*.

*The Preaching Tradition: A Brief History*, by DeWitte T. Holland. Nashville: Abingdon, 1980. 120 pp. + notes, bibliography, index. \$4.95.

A brief survey of preaching, ancient and modern, from a man well known for his history writing. In the *Abingdon Preacher's Library* sequence.

*Liberation Preaching: The Pulpit and the Oppressed*, by Justo L. Gonzalez and Catherine G. Gonzalez. Nashville: Abingdon, 1980. 113 pp. + notes, bibliography, index. \$4.95.

An attempt at a thorough explanation of liberation preaching. In the *Abingdon Preacher's Library* series.

*The Sermon as God's Word: Theologies of Preaching*, by Robert W. Duke. Nashville: Abingdon, 1980. 112 pp. + notes, bibliography, index. \$4.95.

Surveys Barthian, Tillichian, liberalistic, fundamentalistic, liberationist, and experimental theologies of preaching. Another in the *Abingdon Preacher's Library*.

*The Preaching Moment: A Guide to Sermon Delivery*, by Charles L. Bartow. Nashville: Abingdon, 1980. 112 pp. + notes, and index.

Another in the *Abingdon Preacher's Library*, this little book attempts to come to grips with the phases of public presentation — kinesics, articulation, voice, imagination, etc.

*Creative Preaching: Finding the Words*, by Elizabeth Achtemeier. Nashville: Abingdon, 1980. 177 pp. + notes, bibliography, index. \$4.95.

In the *Abingdon Preacher's Library* series edited by William D. Thompson, this particular paperback takes a creative look at exegesis, forms, style, illustrations, etc.

*Christ's Ambassadors: The Priority of Preaching*, by Frank Colquhoun. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1979 reprint in

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Canterbury Book series. 93 pp. \$2.50.

The Anglican preacher gives eloquent expression to the true nature of preaching.

*As One Without Authority*, by Fred B. Craddock. Nashville: Abingdon, 1979. 168 pp. \$5.25.

The third edition of this established homiletics text, known for its inductive approach to preaching. Includes sermon samples.

*A Devotional Guide to Luke: The Gospel of Contagious Joy*, by John Killinger. Waco: Word Books, 1980. 144 pp. \$6.95.

The popular professor of preaching at Vanderbilt now gives us 84 daily meditations built on his study of Luke's Gospel. This three-month devotional, designed to assist the reader in coming to grips with daily living, captures the story quality of the third Gospel.

*The Best of Elton Trueblood: An Anthology*, by James R. Newby, Editor. Nashville: Impact Books, 1981. 198 pp. + bibliography and source data. \$8.95.

Newby provides his own introduction to this volume divided into ten major sections. The sections bring focus to chief areas of thought in the writings of Elton Trueblood. Readings come in convenient brief slices, and for those who find the great contemporary Quaker helpful, the readings will prove genuinely stimulating.

*The NIV Complete Concordance*, by Edward W. Godrick and John R. Kohlenberger III. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1981. 1044 pp. (including appendix). \$19.95.

The first complete New International Version concordance, this word index carries upwards of 13,000 words arranged alphabetically. Total Scripture references amount to about 250,000. Cross-referencing makes possible exploration of richer meanings. A must for preachers, teachers and students using the New International Version.

*Doctrinal Preaching for Today*, by Andrew W. Blackwood. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House reprint, second printing 1978 (originally published by Abingdon 1956). 208 pp. (paperback) \$3.95.

This reprint is part of Baker's Andrew W. Blackwood Library series, is indexed (subjects, Scripture passages), and carries a bibliography. The theme, rarely discussed in book-length form, serves to remind us of our teaching obligations as preachers of the Gospel.

*God Still Speaks: A Biblical View of Christian Communication*, by Robert E. Webber. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1980. 221 pp. \$10.95.

Grounding communication theologically in the Trinity and Incarnation, Webber proceeds to explicate a Christian perspective not only in theory but in practice as well.

*Selected Readings in Preaching: Classic Contributions from Preaching Masters*, Al Fasol, Compiler. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1979. 127 pp. \$3.95 (paperback).

Classic selections from classic writers in the homiletics field, including Phillips Brooks, John A. Broadus, James Stuart Stewart, G. Campbell Morgan, Charles H. Spurgeon, John Henry Jowett, Joseph Fort Newton. The book divides three ways: The Nature of Preaching, Approaches to Preaching, and Essential Qualities for Effective Preaching. A valuable tool.

*Theology Primer: Resources for Theological Students*, by John Jefferson Davis. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1981. 111 pp. \$5.95.

Very valuable book of definitions, biographical sketches, theoretical descriptions, and extended bibliography.

*The Promise of the Spirit*, by Charles G. Finney. Minneapolis: Bethany Fellowship, Inc., 1980 reprint. 265 pp.

Timothy L. Smith provides preface and extended introduction to this work designed to expose Finney on Christian holiness.

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***Out of the Depths: An Autobiography***, by John Newton. New Canaan, Connecticut: Keats Publishing, Inc., 1981 reprint of the 1764 classic. 135 pp. \$5.95.

With an introduction by Herbert Lockyer and illustrations by Ron McCarty, this well known eighteenth century story comes to yet another reprint, this one in attractive paperback. One of the illustrated Shepherd Classics series.

***Eerdmans' Concise Bible Handbook***. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1980. 254 pp.

Like the *Concise Bible Encyclopedia*, first published in England by the Lion Publishing Company (1973). Maps, charts, drawings, information all arranged book by book through the Bible. A companion paperback to the Bible encyclopedia mentioned above.

***Eerdmans' Concise Bible Encyclopedia***. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1980. 256 pp. \$9.95.

Appearing in England as *The Lion Encyclopedia of the Bible* (first published in 1978 by Lion Publishing Company), this concise format brings to America a valuable work with drawings and maps. Material alphabetically arranged, handy and usable. Any pastor would thank a parishioner for this gift.

***The Victor Handbook of Bible Knowledge***, by V. Gilbert Beers. Wheaton, Ill.: Victor Books, 1981. 616 pp. + index. \$24.95.

This full color, profusely illustrated handbook provides information on 300 Bible stories, gives archaeological data, and includes maps, charts and diagrams. Designed for Christian day school teachers, students and Christian education workers. A handsome book, marred slightly by inaccurate color here and there.

***Thomas Merton: A Pictorial Biography***, by James Forest. New York: Paulist Press, 1980. 102 pp. + 2. \$5.95.

A black-and-white photo and text story of the great monk's life. Since his death in 1968, a volley of his works and books about him have come to the market. We can be thankful for the enlightenment

this twentieth century mystic gives us, and our gratitude extends to James Forest and all who make possible Merton volumes.

*Abiding Hope*, by W.A. Criswell. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1981. 306 pp. \$10.95.

The pastor of the well-known Dallas First Baptist Church now provides devotionals for each day of the year. Materials selected from Criswell's sermons and writings by Dr. Paige Patterson follow an inspirational design.

*A Time To Grow: A Seasonal Devotional*, Gladis & Gordon Depress. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1981. 90 pp. (paperback) \$3.95.

The third in a series of devotionals arranged after the four seasons, this paperback volume articulates with June, July and August. Imaginative art work and reference to the daily joys and frustrations of the Christian, call pastors to examine the book for possible use with their people.

*Commenting and Commentaries: A Reference Guide to Book Buying for Pastors, Students, and Christian Workers*, by Charles H. Spurgeon. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House reprint, 1981 (first published 1876). 200 pp. (paperback) \$3.95.

Working on the assumption that exposition marks the best preaching, Spurgeon gives us two lectures (about commentaries and on commenting), then provides a catalogue of Bible commentaries on the whole Bible, the Old Testament, separate books on the Old Testament, the New Testament, and finally separate books on the New Testament. Charles Spurgeon furnishes over 1400 titles, and the work will serve most particularly bibliophiles and librarians, but also researchers in nineteenth century English preaching.

*Heaven — A Future Finer than Dreams*, by U. Milo Kaufmann. Winona Lake, IN: Light and Life Press, 1981. 220 pp. \$5.95 (paperback).

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in Urbana, has given us a delightfully penned work from a literary perspective. His freshness of language and idea, his imaginative perspectives, and his fresh interpretation of Scripture combine to make a fascinating, stimulating and helpful book. Dr. Kaufmann has taken twenty common questions about heaven and provided answers within the framework of his own experience and expertise.

*Word Meanings in the New Testament, Vol. 1: Matthew, Mark, and Luke*, by Ralph Earle. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1980. 285 pages.

One of six volumes, 3, 4, and 5 (Paul's Epistles) have already appeared, and Vol. 2 will cover John and Acts. The work, designed primarily for preachers and Bible students, aims at practicality rather than technicality. Key words, verse by verse, come from the KJV.

*John Wesley*, Albert C. Outler, Editor. New York: Oxford University Press, reprint in paperback of the 1964 edition. 516 pp. (with index). \$9.95.

Reprint of a classic work.