

Book Notices

The Gospel of Matthew, Study Manual, by Fred D. Howard. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1961. 98 pages. \$1.50.

This treatise belongs to the Shield Bible Study Series, which consists of inexpensive paper-bound manuals designed to serve as Bible-book study guides for colleges and Bible schools. Each manual discusses the significant contents of the Bible book in question. At least fifteen manuals have thus far been published. These brief publications should furnish valuable background material for the man intent on preparing a series of expository sermons on books of the Bible.

J. D. R.

Preaching During A Revolution, by G. Ray Jordan. Anderson, Ind.: The Warner Press. 192 pages. \$3.50.

It is the author's aim to help the preacher grasp the significance of the critical times through which we are passing, and to point out ways in which the Christian message may be made entirely relevant. Chapter headings include: The Counselor in the Pulpit, Theology That Thrills, A Place for Propaganda, Preaching Unpopular Truth, and Religion Becomes Reasonable. The preacher must learn how to take the Gospel of Christ--the most fundamental revolution of all--and set it squarely in the context of our moral, social, economic, and political upheavals. To help meet the need Dr. Jordan not only presents effective patterns of preaching but discusses each separately at some length. The book is replete with pertinent illustrative matter from actual sermons. He who would speak more precisely to the various critical conditions of our day will find merit in this little volume.

J. D. R.

Wrestlers With God, by Clarence E. Macartney. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1958. 207 pages. \$2.95.

With devotion and insight the author presents a gallery of portraits of men of the Old Testament engaged in prayer. This book, a reprint, will serve as a corrective for those who have become preoccupied with theories of prayer at the expense of vital prayer itself.

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In The Midst, by G. Don Gilmore. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1962. 100 pages. \$2.50.

This book chronicles and interprets the remarkable events that transformed the life of Cincinnati's Groesbeck Methodist Church. It is the story of a minister's adventure in leading his people to a deeper commitment to the church's real objectives-- independent of membership drives, pot-luck suppers and the like. The author pleads for a return in preaching and practice to the basic things of New Testament Christianity.

J. D. R.

Salvation, by Ernest F. Kevan. Grand Rapids: Baker, 1963. 130 pages. \$2.50.

As a contribution to the *Christian Faith Series* (Baker) the principal of London (England) Bible College presents a careful study of the Scriptural doctrine of salvation for the consideration of ministers and mature laymen. The book covers, with some Calvinistic emphases, the basic tenets of the Christian faith.

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The Disciplined Life by Richard S. Taylor. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 1962. 102 pages. \$1.75.

A timely and eminently practical little book dealing with topics such as these: Discipline, The Mark of Maturity, The

Perils of Discipline, Discipline and Holiness, and How to Become a Disciplined Person.

J. D. R.

Out of the Depths, by Helmut Thielicke. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1962. 89 pages. \$2.50.

Originating in Germany in the years during and after World War II these nine spiritually-weighted messages come from the heart of a shepherd, concerned for the welfare of his scattered, wounded, and perplexed sheep. They are strengthening to men in crises.

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