

FOCAL POINT - 2016

TUESDAY, 9:15 AM

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The Preacher And His Library: Old Testament & Other Suggestions

Introduction

1. “Books to the ceiling
Books to the sky
My pile of books is 5 miles high
How I love them, How I need them
I’ll be older than Methuselah by the time that I read them!”
2. IF YOU TAKE CARE OF THE DEPTH OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, HE WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR MINISTRY’S BREADTH, LENGTH AND HEIGHT. NEVER STOP GROWING! (Eph. 3; 1 Tim. 4:15-16).
3. A session on recommended books for the study of the New Testament was done at Focal Point in 2013 (copies available or information can be emailed to you).
4. Some Basic Considerations -
 - (1) An hour in your study / library with you will tell me more about you than listening to you preach for a year.
 - (2) Books are an INVESTMENT - in ministry, in family, in your soul - in eternity! GROW A GREAT SOUL! (Lk. 12:13-21). 2 Tim. 4 - books and parchments.
 - (3) Encourage family & friends to buy you books. Holidays and special occasions.
 - (4) Buy books to PROGRESS (LEARN) and to EXPRESS (COMMUNE / WORSHIP) and NOT to IMPRESS (EGO).
 - (5) Decide between hard copy (hard or paperback) and/or electronic.
 - (6) Books are to WEIGHED, not COUNTED!
 - (7) Know the difference between various types of commentaries. For example, TECHNICAL/EXEGETICAL, DEVOTIONAL, “EXPOSITORY”

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“The Preacher & His Books” (Old Testament & Other Suggestions)

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS! - OLD TESTAMENT (*Asterisk Represents Best Work / Great Buy)

GENESIS

Gordon Wenham (Word, 2 vol.)

Derek Kidner (TOTC)

*Richard Belcher (Focus on Bible Comm)

*Ken Matthews (NAC, 2 vols)

Allen Ross, Creation and Blessing

John Currid (EP, 2 vols).

EXODUS

*Douglas Stuart (NAC)

Walter Kaiser (EBC)

*Alec Motyer (BST)

Peter Enns (NIVAC)

LEVITICUS

*Gordan Wenham (NICOT)

*Allen Ross, Holiness to the Lord

John Hartley (Word)

R.K. Harrison (TOTC)

NUMBERS

*Gordan Denham (TOTC)

*Raymond Brown (BST)

Ian Duguid (Preaching the Word)

R. Dennis Cole (NAC)

Timothy Ashley (NICOT)

DEUTERONOMY

*Daniel Block (NIVAC)

Allan Harman (Focus on Bible Comm)

Peter Craigie (NICOT)

*Christopher Wright (NIBOT or Understanding the Bible Comm)

JOSHUA

*Dale Ralph Davis (Focus on Bible)

David Howard (NAC)

*Richard Hess (TOTC)

Martin Woudstra (NICOT)

JUDGES

*Dale Ralph Davis (Focus on Bible)
Michael Wilcock (BST)
K. Lawson Younger (NIVAC)

*Daniel Block (NAC)
Cundall / Morris (TOTC)

RUTH

*Daniel Block (NAC)
David Atkinson (BST)

*Robert Hubbard (NICOT)
Cundall / Morris (TOTC)

1 & 2 SAMUEL

*Dale Ralph Davis (Focus on Bible)
Bill Arnold (NIVAC)

*Ronald Youngblood (EBC)
Robert Grogan (NAC)

1 & 2 KINGS

Paul House (NAC)
*Dale Ralph Davis (Focus on Bible)

Ian Provan (NIBCOT)
*Richard Patterson (EBC)

1 & 2 CHRONICLES

*Martin Selman (TOTC, 2 vols)
Andrew Hill (NIVAC)

*Michael Wilcock (BST)
J. Gordon McConville (DSB)

EZRA / NEHEMIAH / ESTHER

*Derek Kidner (TOTC, Ezra/Nehemiah)
F. Charles Fensham (NICOT, Ezra/Nehemiah)
*Karen Jobes (NIVAC, Esther only)

*Raymond Brown (BST, only Nehemiah)
J.G. McConville (DSB)
Joyce Baldwin (TOTC, Esther only)

JOB

*Wayne Jackson (Quality Printing)
*Sitting With Job (Roy Zuck, ed. Baker)
*Steven J. Lawson (Holman)

John Hartley (NICOT)
Tremper Longman (BCOT)

PSALMS

*C. Hassell Bullock, Encountering the Book of Psalms (Excellent Intro / Survey)
*John Goldingray (BCOT, 3 vol)
Charles H. Spurgeon, The Treasury of David
*Derek Kidner (TOTC, 2 vols)
Michael Wilcock (BST, 2 vols)
Steven J. Lawson (Holman, 2 vols)
Alexander MacLaren (Old EBC)

PROVERBS

Bruce Waltke (NICOT) *Tremper Longman (BCOT)
*Derek Kidner (TOTC) *Duane Garrett (NAC)
David A. Hubbard (The Preacher's Commentary - Communicator's)

ECCLESIASTES / SONG OF SOLOMON

*Phillip Graham Ryken (Preaching the Word, Ecc. only) *Denny Petrillo (Truth For Today)

*Derek Kidner (BST) Duane Garrett (NAC)
Tremper Longman (NICOT)
*Richard Hess (BCOT, Song of Solomon only)

ISAIAH

*J. Alec Motyer (BST or Erdmans) Gary Smith (NAC)
*Homer Hailey John Oswald (NICOT)
*Allan Harman (Focus on Bible) Edward J. Young (3 vols)

JEREMIAH / LAMENTATIONS

*Christopher Wright (BST) *James Thompson (NICOT)
*F.B. Hughey (NAC) Andrew Dearman (NIVAC)

EZEKIEL

*Dan Block (NICOT, 2 vols) *Chris Wright (BST)
Ian Daguid (NIVAC) Leslie Allen (Word)
Denny Petrillo (Truth for Today)

DANIEL

*Edward J. Young Tremper Longman (NIVAC)
*Joyce Baldwin (TOTC) *Dale Ralph Davis (BST)
Ian Daguid (REC)

MINOR PROPHETS

*Jack P. Lewis (Baker) *Homer Hailey (Baker or Guardian of Truth)
*Doug Stuart (Hosea / Jonah - Word) Gary Smith (NIVAC, not all)
*The Minor Prophets, edited by Thomas McComiskey (Baker Academic)
*BVBI Lectures (2 vols)
*Derek Kidner (BST, Hosea)

*Richard Patterson (EBC, Joel)

*J. Alec Motyer (BST, Amos)

*Dan Block (ECOT, Obadiah)

*Walter Kaiser (Preacher's / Communicator's, Micah-Malachi)

*NOTE #1 - Mentioning a book is NOT an endorsement of 100% of its content!

*NOTE #2 - Keep in mind that ALL COMMENTARIES ARE NOT CREATED EQUAL

4 Books on Bible Study Worth Having ***(Because I Just Have To)***

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4 Recent Books on Preaching Worth Having ***(See Parentheses Above- !!!)***

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