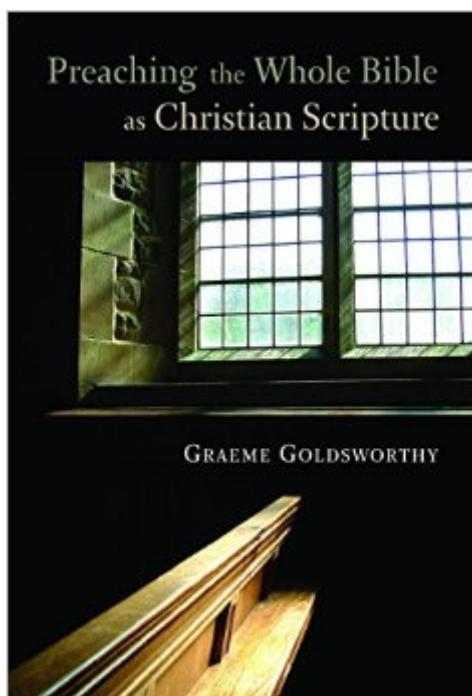


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Preaching The Whole Bible As Christian Scripture: The Application Of Biblical Theology To Expository Preaching



Synopsis

While strong, gospel-centered preaching abounds, many Christian pastors and lay preachers find it difficult to preach meaningfully from the Old Testament. This practical handbook offers help. Graeme Goldsworthy teaches the basics of preaching the whole Bible in a consistently Christ-centered way. Goldsworthy first examines the Bible, biblical theology, and preaching and shows how they relate in the preparation of Christ-centered sermons. He then applies the biblical-theological method to the various types of literature found in the Bible, drawing out their contributions to expository preaching focused on the person and work of Christ. Clear, complete, and immediately applicable, this volume will become a fundamental text for teachers, pastors, and students preparing for ministry.

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Preaching the Whole Bible As Christian Scripture: The Application of Biblical Theology to Expository Preaching (Paperback) by Graeme Goldsworthy This book is very valuable for Christ-centered preaching. It is scholarly but is also a practical treatment for lay preachers and pastors. He speaks deeply about the need to have Biblical Theology influence our preaching. There is much here on hermeneutics and theology for preaching. He speaks much of the Kingdom of God and salvation history as part of our preaching. His diagrams and explanations for that would be very valuable to share with others. I wish I had read this in seminary. He, without hesitation, demands that unless the work of Christ is not mentioned in a sermon then it is not a Christian sermon. He has a very balanced and deep understanding of the gospel for both the unbeliever and the believer. It is this

preaching that should be part of every message. He warns about the danger of moralistic and legalistic preaching if Christ's work for us to obey is neglected. He seems to understand the broad tendencies of preaching in our day and encourages and warns in appropriate ways. It is particularly helpful for those preaching from the OT. The book is divided into two sections. Basic Questions We Ask about Preaching and the Bible and The Practical Application of Biblical Theology to Preaching. There are several good examples of the practice he would like to cultivate in preachers. He is an evangelical and he is reformed in his theology. "while there is much in the Bible that is strictly speaking not the gospel, there is nothing in the Bible that can be truly understood apart from the gospel. ...

Review by Rev. George van PoptaGoldsworthy's central thesis is that all texts in the whole Bible bear a discernible relationship to Christ and are primarily intended as a testimony to Christ. He endeavours to establish the place of biblical theology in preaching any sermon from both OT and NT. He is a very strong proponent of the redemptive-historical (called by him, "biblical-theological") approach to preaching. This is to be greatly appreciated. In the first 100 pages, he answers basic questions such as: "What is the Bible?"; "What is preaching?"; "What kind of unity does the Bible have?"; "How does the Gospel function in the Bible?"; and "What is the structure of Biblical revelation?" Throughout this first part of the book, he strongly advocates the importance of the discipline of biblical theology. The book becomes more interesting in part two where he deals with the practical application of Biblical theology to preaching. He offers chapters on how to preach from all the different genres (OT historical narrative; OT law; OT prophets; wisdom literature; Psalms; apocalyptic texts; Gospels; Acts and epistles). The preacher who wants to follow the biblical-theological (redemptive-historical) approach will find much help here. Valuably, Goldsworthy demonstrates his points with many helpful examples. What makes this work distinctive is how the author insists that the redemptive-historical approach must be applied throughout the NT as well as the OT. The Dutch debate of the 1930s (which the author refers to) between the redemptive-historical and the exemplarist schools did not get much beyond discussing how to preach OT historical narrative.

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