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### **Preaching for a Verdict** Zonderkidz

Those who preach have been called to deliver the truth, and must do so with a conviction that every truth demands a response. J. Josh Smith aims to start a conversation about the role of exhortation in preaching. With emphasis on the biblical and theological foundation for exhortation, and attention to how exhortation is used in both Old and New Testaments, Smith makes a compelling argument that preaching must include both explanation and exhortation. Preaching for a Verdict also provides practical steps to implement effective exhortation in preaching, and offers a variety of biblical models of exhortation to equip the reader to deliver the message of Christ with authority. Text-driven preaching demands text-driven exhortation.

### **Freedom from Worry** Crossway

When was the last time we truly paused to meditate and study the crucially important doctrine of the sovereignty of God? In this book A.W. Pink unpacks the theology of the sovereignty of God for us in a way few others have before or after him. Pink dives into Scripture not only to define the sovereignty of God; he goes on to help us apply the doctrine to various aspects of our lives. Pink passionately challenges us to wrestle with and accept a higher, deeper and broader view of our omniscient and omnipotent King.

### **Preaching in the New Testament** Breakfast For Seven

John Piper pleads with fellow pastors to abandon the professionalization of the pastorate and pursue the prophetic call of the Bible for radical ministry.

*God Bless America Again* Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

"Some of the most needed reformation involve systemic change that will ripple through the entire congregation. ... Only the senior pastor can take the lead with a full reformation in youth ministry."-- Back cover.

*Crafting the Sermon* W. W. Norton & Company

No man will get anywhere in life without discipline—and growth in godliness is no exception. Seasoned pastor R. Kent Hughes's inspiring and best-selling book *Disciplines of a Godly Man*—now updated with fresh references and suggested resources—is filled with godly advice aimed at helping men grow in the disciplines of prayer, integrity, marriage, leadership, worship, purity, and more. With biblical wisdom, memorable illustrations, and engaging study questions, this practical guide will empower men to take seriously the call to godliness and direct their energy toward the things that matter most.

[We Preach](#) Treasury of Baptist Theology

THE WOMAN OF REVELATION 12:1, HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GREAT MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE; AS FAR AS THE GENTILE CHURCH WORLD IS CONCERNED. THEY HAVE CALLED HER EVERYTHING EXCEPT WHAT, OR WHO SHE REALLY IS. NATURALLY HER TRUE IDENTITY IS SEEN THROUGH EYES THAT

HAVE BEEN ENLIGHTENED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT; BUT ONCE YOU...

**Christmas Grace: 31 Meditations and Declarations on the Greatest Gift Ever Given** Intend Publishing

Henry H. Mitchell has completely revised and integrated his popular books *The Recovery of Preaching* and *Black Preaching* for seminarians and pastors--both Black and White--who are seeking to add power and vision to their sermons. Mitchell persuasively demonstrates that Black culture and preaching style are vital for the empowerment of Black congregations and have much to offer the preaching method of all preachers. By focusing on the use of storytelling, imagination, and style of preaching rooted in African-American culture, Mitchell spotlights effective techniques for lively preaching.

*The Woman of Mystery, Part 1* Lifeway Church Resources

If it doesn't happen on Sunday, it doesn't happen. A down-to-earth, practical introduction to the ins and outs of preaching for lay preachers, bivocational and local pastors, and others newly arrived in the pulpit. Trends show that a large number of lay preachers and part- and full-time local pastors have assumed the principal responsibility for filling the pulpit week by week in increasing numbers of local churches. While most of these individuals can draw on a wealth of life experiences, as well as strong intuitive skills in knowing what makes a good sermon, having listened to them much of their lives, what they often don't bring to the pulpit, however, is specific, detailed instruction in the how-tos of preaching. That is precisely what this brief, practical guide to preaching has to offer. Written for those who have a heart for preaching, author Charles Ensminger begins by emphasizing the importance of authenticity, accessing the context and needs of the congregation, and the need for preachers to hear how the text applies to their own spiritual journey. The book includes helpful suggestions for resources; sermon planning, preparation, and delivery; as well as how to choose effective and memorable illustrations.

**What Do Angels Do?** Intend Publishing

What is the way forward for the church? Tragically, in recent years, Christians have gotten used to revelations of abuses of many kinds in our most respected churches—from Willow Creek to Harvest, from Southern Baptist pastors to Sovereign Grace churches. Respected author and theologian Scot McKnight and former Willow Creek member Laura Barringer wrote this book to paint a pathway forward for the church. We need a better way. The sad truth is that churches of all shapes and sizes are susceptible to abuses of power, sexual abuse, and spiritual abuse. Abuses occur most frequently when Christians neglect to create a culture that resists abuse and promotes healing, safety, and spiritual growth. How do we keep these devastating events from repeating themselves? We need a map to get us from where we are today to where we ought to be as the body of Christ. That map is in a mysterious and beautiful little Hebrew word in Scripture that we translate "good," the word *tov*. In this book, McKnight and Barringer explore the concept of *tov*—unpacking its richness and how it can help Christians and churches rise up to fulfill their true calling as imitators of Jesus.

[With a Picture Gallery of Eminent Ministers and Scholars](#) Gideon House Books

In this book of sermons, Katina Sharp provides for us a nest of sermons which are imaginative and provocative. Her style and skill as a preacher is evident in the content and structure of each sermon. The book serves as a resource for other preachers and readers alike.

**A Beginner's Guide to Preaching** Simon and Schuster

A healing antidote to our divisive culture, full of evocative storytelling, spiritual wisdom, and nine essential daily practices—by the first female, Black senior minister at the historic Collegiate Churches of New York “Fierce Love teaches us that with spiritual faith we can transcend the darkest moments and come through stronger.”—Gabrielle Bernstein, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Universe Has Your Back* We are living in a world divided. Race and ethnicity, caste and color, gender and sexuality, class and education, religion and political party have all become demographic labels that reduce our differences to simplistic categories in which “we” are vehemently against “them.” But Rev. Dr. Jacqui Lewis’s own experience—of being the first female and first Black minister in her church’s history, of being in an interracial marriage, and of making peace with childhood abuse—illustrates that our human capacity for empathy and forgiveness is the key to reversing these ugly trends. Inspired by the tenets of ubuntu—the Zulu philosophy that we are each impacted by the circumstances that impact those around us, and that the world won’t get better until we all get better—*Fierce Love* lays out the nine daily practices for breaking through tribalism and engineering the change we seek. From downsizing our emotional baggage to speaking truth to power to fueling our activism with joy, it demonstrates the power of small, morally courageous steps to heal our own lives, our posse, and our larger communities. Sharing stories that trace her personal reckoning with racism as well as the arc of her journey to an inclusive and service-driven faith, Dr. Lewis shows that kindness, compassion, and inclusive thinking are muscles that can be exercised and strengthened. With the goal of mending our inextricable human connection, *Fierce Love* is a manifesto for all generations: a bighearted, healing antidote to our rancorous culture.

*Sermons for a Modern World* God Bless America Again

Now in paperback, multi-awarded national hit *Simple Church* shares a clear message from case studies of 400 North American congregations: Church is done best when it's kept simple.

**Nightly Night and Good Night** Crossway

#1 New York Times bestselling author Eric Metaxas delivers an extraordinary book that is part history and part rousing call to arms, steeped in a critical analysis of our founding fathers' original intentions for America. In 1787, when the Constitution was drafted, a woman asked Ben Franklin what the founders had given the American people. “A republic,” he shot back, “if you can keep it.” More than two centuries later, Metaxas examines what that means and how we are doing on that score. *If You Can Keep It* is at once a thrilling review of America's uniqueness—including our role as a “nation of nations”—and a chilling reminder that America's greatness cannot continue unless we embrace our own crucial role in living out what the founders entrusted to us. Metaxas explains that America is not a nation bounded by ethnic identity or geography, but rather by a radical and unprecedented idea, based on liberty and freedom for all. He cautions us that it's nearly past time we reconnect to that idea, or we may lose the very foundation of what made us exceptional in the first place.

**The Contender Vol. 23 No. 1** Faith Assembly Church

In *Nightly Night and Good Night*, the Nightly Nights are called upon to help their friend Ben as he falls to sleep. The cute and sleepy adventure leads the Nightly Nights to discover that a classic lullaby song does the trick to help Ben and Sleepy Puppy fall fast asleep. Founded by Michael W Smith, *Nurturing Steps* is an infant and toddler series of children’s music and books with a simple mission to enliven a child’s journey with hope and faith through music and storytelling. This padded board book features a soft matte cover and shines with foil.

**Authorized King James Version** B&H Publishing Group

I have been a United Methodist pastor for 13 years. But only for the past six years have I been in a position that requires me to preach almost every single Sunday. My first appointment out of seminary was as an associate pastor of a large congregation with five clergy; I preached monthly if I was lucky. My next position was an administrative role on our Conference staff. And for the last six years, I have served as the pastor of Skycrest United Methodist Church, a vibrant mid-sized church in beautiful Clearwater, Florida. It is both easier and harder to preach week in and week out. It is easier, in that you don't feel the need to say everything; you know you'll get another opportunity next week. It is harder, in that it feels like every time you turn around, another Sunday is coming, and quickly!

*A Plea to Pastors for Radical Ministry* Penguin

The only apology made for giving this book to the public, is the earnest desire which the author has to inspire young men of the race, and especially those of the Baptist faith, who were born and reared under much more favorable circumstances than he, to greater deeds of usefulness, and to leave to the denomination a written testimony of what was accomplished by the Negro Baptists of the United States in the first years of their separate effort at Christian work. The speeches and sermons contained in this volume are not given out as an exhibition of literary talent, nor is any claim made of perfection in their construction. But they are the promptings of a heart and mind full of love for the cause of the Master and for a race that has long been oppressed and is now struggling to improve its condition in every honorable way. The writer firmly believes in the possibilities of the race and has firmly advocated that the nearly two millions of colored Christians which God has added to the Baptist churches as a mass, are an heritage, and that it is the imperative duty of Negro Baptist leaders to develop this mighty force for the glory of God and the further redemption of the race. The facts presented will be more appreciated, when it is remembered that the wonderful development and unparalleled success of the denomination form the work of only a few years. But this is the most potent argument in favor of what can be done when a united effort is made at self-help. The author has great admiration for those friends of the race who have contributed so much for the educational and religious training of the same; but he believes that people who have been helped become very unworthy when they fail to make an effort to help themselves.

*Brothers, We Are Not Professionals* Intend

Thomas Johnson and Charles Spurgeon lived worlds apart. Johnson, an American slave, born into captivity and longing for freedom--- Spurgeon, an Englishman born into relative ease and comfort, but, longing too for a freedom of his own. Their respective journeys led to an unlikely meeting and an even more unlikely friendship, forged by fate and mutual love for the mission of Christ. *Steal*

Away Home is a new kind of book based on historical research, which tells a previously untold story set in the 1800s of the relationship between an African-American missionary and one of the greatest preachers to ever live.

*Preaching the Cross* Canongate U.S.

Prominent authors call pastors to pursue gospel-saturated, preaching-centered ministries.

**Steal Away Home** Outskirts Press

Is Atheism Dead? is an entertaining, impressively wide-ranging, and decidedly provocative answer to that famous 1966 TIME cover that itself provocatively asked "Is God Dead?" In a voice that is by turns witty, muscular, and poetic, Metaxas intentionally echoes C.S. Lewis and G.K. Chesterton in

cheerfully and logically making his astonishing case, along the way presenting breathtaking—and often withering—new evidence and arguments against the idea of a Creatorless universe. Taken all together, he shows atheism not merely to be implausible and intellectually sloppy, but now demonstrably ridiculous. Perhaps the only unanswered question on the subject is why we couldn't see this sooner, and how embarrassed we should be about it.

[The Recovery of a Powerful Art](#) Wesley's Foundery Books

This simple book is intended to provide a bit of momentum to your emerging prayer life. With an investment of a few minutes, a new response to life can take root. Prayer reminds us we are not alone to face the challenges, solve the problems, and complete the tasks. We have help from Almighty God!

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