Romans

Another volume of this helpful series of expository commentaries on the New Testament has appeared. However, do not confuse this commentary with one that focuses on words or phrases in the text. Rather, it is in the form of sermons on the complete epistle to the Romans. There are fifty passages explained in sermonic form.

The author is an ordained minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church and serves on the faculty of Westminster Seminary in California.

For the man in the pew, these chapters will be good reads at the end of the day. They will help us to be immersed in the Word. For the minister of the Word, these chapters will give good guidance in the “how” of expository preaching.

Unfolding Covenant History, vol. 6: From Samuel to Solomon

Fifteen years is a long time to wait, but we finally have a new volume in this helpful series to place on our shelves and to use. This series is slowly growing to completion. The publisher has made this volume fit with the others with the exception of a few insignificant things. They will all look like a set when placed together.

The series, as you may recall, edited by Mark Hoeksema, is to give us insight into Old Testament history, especially as it points to the coming of Christ. This volume covers the work of Samuel and the first three kings of Israel (1 Samuel 1–1 Kings 11). Saul’s weakness and lack of submission to God is well explained and carefully related to Old Testament prophecy. While Saul was Israel’s choice, God’s choice for king was David. Through Saul, God’s judgment was seen. David, as we know, fell into sin. His later flaws, along with his adulterous activity, are well explained. Solomon’s life of faithfulness and later unfaithfulness are clearly laid out.

Professor Engelsma has done excellent work of getting all the pertinent interpretation into these 200 pages. As these pages were opened through reading, it became apparent that there is much here for our use at home in family devotions and Bible study, and further that there are loads of ideas for preachers of the Word. Should you be among those who find points of disagreement, read on, for you will find material for preaching and teaching from a master teacher.

Thanks, Professor Engelsma! We eagerly anticipate the last several books in this series.

Highly recommended.