



January Term, 2012

DF 927 CO : EXPOSITORY PREACHING III

January 9-13, 2012

Students are expected to also attend the Reformation Worship Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, October 20-23, 2011. To register, go to <http://www.reformedworship.com/>.

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CLASS MEETING TIMES: All classes are to be held at the Columbia Campus: January 9, 4-6pm; January 10-12, 8am-12 noon and 4-6pm; January 13, 8am-12noon.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Focusing on the leading expository preachers of our day, this course studies the different approaches to expository preaching being used in the contemporary church. Preachers are studied who show skill in the art of oratory as well as a variety in the scope of preaching. Those of prophetic interest, those of devotional sensitivity, or those of doctrinal integrity receive special attention. *Elective. Three hours.*

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The mission of Erskine Theological Seminary is to educate persons for service in the Christian Church. This course aims at exploring different ways of doing expository preaching. Different approaches to the use of the *lectio continua* will be examined as

well as a variety of methods of opening up the text. Particular attention will be given to different approaches to the application of the text. The bottom line is to develop the preaching skills of the student.

Required Textbooks

Students are expected to secure their own copies of all required textbooks. As a convenience, the seminary has a bookstore portal of the website at <http://www.erskineseminary.org/bookstore.html>. There you will find links to familiar vendors (CBD, Amazon, B&N, and Books-A-Million) and can check availability of texts, compare prices, and place orders. The ETS SBA will receive a modest percentage of the profits from students' and professors' purchases through this portal. The Erskine Campus Bookstore will carry a limited number of copies of every required text and orders for books can be placed through the Campus Bookstore.

TEXTBOOKS:

Old, Hughes Oliphant. The Reading and Preaching of the Scriptures in the Worship of the Christian Church, vol. 7. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2010. In addition, one should study volumes 1 and 2 on the origins of expository preaching and volume 4 on the recovery of expository preaching in the Reformation.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLEMENTARY READING

The student is advised to read as much of the following before the beginning of the course as possible. If one has not taken Expository Preaching I or Expository Preaching II, it would be helpful to read my volumes on the origins of expository preaching.

Old, Hughes Oliphant. The Reading and Preaching of the Scriptures in the Worship of the Christian Church, vols. 1, 2, and 4. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1998-2002.

Ferguson, Sinclair. Sermons online. www.firstprescolumbia.org or www.firstprescola.org.

Huffman, John. Sermons online. www.standrewspres.org.

Keller, Timothy. Sermons online. www.redeemer3.com/store

Lloyd-Jones, D. Martyn. The expository sermons of Martyn Lloyd-Jones have been widely

published. There are many volumes. Choose one according to your interest.

Murray, Iain Hamish. David Martyn Lloyd-Jones. 2 vols. Edinburgh: Banner of Truth Trust, 1982-90.

Palmer, Earl. Sermons online. www.upc.org.

Sargent, Tony. The Sacred Anointing: The Preaching of Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Wheaton, Ill: Crossway Books, 1994.

Smith, Chuck and Tal Brooke. Harvest. Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell, c.1987.
Sermons online. www.calvarychapel.com

Smith, Scotty. Sermons online. www.christcommunity.org

Stott, John R. W. Between Two Worlds. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1982.

Thielicke, Helmut. The Waiting Father: Sermons on the Parables of Jesus. Translated by John W. Doberstein. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1959.

_____. How the World Began. Translated by John W. Doberstein. Philadelphia: Muhlenberg Press, 1961.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE COURSE:

1. Students are expected to do book reports on five of the books listed in the bibliography. Audio versions of sermons will serve as well. Count five or six sermons from a single preacher as equal to one book. Each book report is to be between four and five pages. These book reports should be based on listening to the tapes or other audio records of two leading expository preachers and comparing their approaches. One should choose preachers of very differing approaches, such as Sinclair Ferguson compared to Chuck Swindoll, or John Huffman compared to Chuck Smith. For those students not attending the conference, a sixth book report will be required.
2. Book reports need to be completed before the first meeting of the class.

3. **STYLE MANUALS FOR RESEARCH PAPERS:** All papers must be typed/processed (twelve point type, double spaced, one-inch margins) and fully documented, following the standards in the “Style and Form Standards for All Masters Level Programs” (Erskine Seminary). In this course, footnotes and a bibliography are required for the final paper. The paper’s cover page and bibliography are not counted towards page requirements. The current recommended style manual is Turabian, 7th edition.
4. **ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:** Roll will be taken both mornings and evenings. Attendance is expected at all sessions. A student who misses as much as one full class day or its equivalent in late arrival or early departure should consult with the professor to see whether it is still possible to pass the course.
5. Grading is based upon class preparation and participation and the book reports.

SEMINARY POLICIES: Click this link and read carefully as part of this syllabus contract:

http://seminary.erskine.edu/content_policies/SeminaryPoliciesforETSSStudents.pdf

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

Monday, January 9

1. Expository preaching and its relation to the other genre of preaching
 - a. Evangelistic preaching
 - b. Catechetical preaching
 - c. Prophetic preaching
 - d. Festal preaching
 - e. Secondary genre
 - i. Preaching at funerals or weddings
 - ii. Alms preaching and stewardship sermons
 - iii. Preaching at patriotic or civil occasions
2. The biblical roots of Christian preaching
3. Expository preaching in Europe following the Second World War
 - a. Helmut Thielicke– Expository preaching in opposition to the Third Reich

- b. Walther Lüthi—Expository preaching of a Swiss Reformed pastor in the tradition of Zwingli

Tuesday, January 10

- 4. Expository preaching in Britain
 - a. D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones
 - b. John R. W. Stott
 - c. William Still—We hope to have Sinclair Ferguson here to tell us of the preaching ministry of William Still. Dr. Ferguson is the new pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, SC.

Wednesday, January 11

- 5. We will devote both the morning and evening sessions to a number of surprisingly successful preachers who have built large churches while emphasizing expository preaching.
 - a. John MacArthur, pastor of Grace Community Church in Panorama City, California
 - b. Chuck Smith, preacher to the Jesus freaks. Founder of Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, California
 - c. Chuck Swindoll, former pastor of the Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton, California. Currently pastor of Stonebriar Community Church in Frisco, Texas.
 - d. Charles Stanley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Atlanta

Thursday, January 12

- 6. Here we will look at some of the more evangelical Presbyterians.
 - a. Earl Palmer. During the sixties this remarkable Princeton graduate held forth at First Presbyterian Church in Berkeley, California, right across from the campus of the University of California, preaching his expositions of one book of the Bible after another. Currently at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Washington.-- Dr. Michael Bush, Assistant Professor of Homiletics at Erskine Theological Seminary, will add his insights as we listen to sermons of Earl Palmer.

- b. John Huffman, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Newport Beach, California
- c. James Goodloe, pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia

Friday, January 13

- 7. This day we will continue looking at evangelical Presbyterians.
 - a. Timothy Keller, pastor of the Church of the Redeemer in New York City, has devoted a large proportion of his ministry to expository preaching.
 - b. Scotty Smith has gathered a large congregation, called Christ Community Church, in Franklin, Tennessee, doing expository preaching accompanied by contemporary Christian music.