

RECENT REPRINTS

It is time (indeed, past time) to bring our readers up to date on recent reprints that have been sent to us. Baker Book House continues to lead the field in reprinting older works that are of continuing value to the student of the Scriptures. 1981 saw the publication of two texts in the area of archaeology: Edwin M. Yamauchi's *The Stones and the Scriptures* (212 pp., \$5.95 paper) and Jack. P. Lewis' *Archaeological Backgrounds to Bible Peoples* (191 pp., \$4.95 paper). Lewis' book is more of a diachronic survey of Biblical history in light of archaeology, while Yamauchi deals with more specific subjects of more interest to the Biblical student. In 1980 Baker reprinted the 1979 work of Susan Foh, *Women and the Word of God: A Response to Biblical Feminism* (270 pp., \$6.95 paper). Foh's work is well known as a solid, exegetically based defense of a traditional view of women in Scripture. In the field of more technical NT studies, Baker in 1981 reprinted E. Earl Ellis' *Paul's Use of the Old Testament* (xii + 204 pp., \$7.95 paper) and Richard N. Longenecker's *The Christology of Early Jewish Christianity* (xi + 178 pp., \$5.95 paper). Both are very important in their respective fields. Ellis' work remains one of the best surveys of Paul's use of Scripture, while Longenecker's study of the Jewish backgrounds of early Christology in particular remains a significant and helpful work. Baker has also reprinted two briefer and less technical studies, H. D. McDonald's *Jesus Human and Divine: An Introduction to New Testament Christology* (144 pp., \$4.95 paper) and Raymond L. Scott's *The Hiding God: Jesus and the Old Testament* (176 pp., \$4.95 paper).

Reprints of two lexical studies have also come from Baker in the past years. One is *Greek Word Roots* by Thomas Rogers (30 pp., \$1.95 paper), a brief list of basic Greek roots with some of the NT words derived from them. A second is George Ricker Berry's *Berry's Greek/English New Testament Lexicon with Synonyms* (192 pp., \$5.95 paper), which as its title suggests attempts to list NT words that are numerically coded to Strong's *Exhaustive Concordance* and to suggest words of similar meaning and derivation.

As in the past, however, Baker has particularly distinguished itself in the publication of classic commentaries on NT books. Seven of these have appeared in the Thornapple series over the last several years, six of them in 1981. On the gospels we have Vincent Taylor's *The Gospel According to Mark* (2d ed., xx + 696 pp., \$16.95 paper), which remains one of the finest commentaries on the Greek text of Mark's gospel. Also on a gospel is Alfred Plummer's *The Gospel According to St. John* (lxiii + 382 pp., \$9.95 paper). On the epistles two commentaries by the English Anglican J. N. D. Kelly both were originally published in the HNTC series. *A Commentary on the Pastoral Epistles* (264 pp., \$6.95 paper) is one of the finest commentaries on the pastorals to appear in the last thirty years. Equally valuable is *A Commentary on the Epistles of Peter and Jude* (387 pp., \$8.95 paper). Capping off a very fine year of reprints is the brief study of H. C. G. Moule's on *The Epistle to the Philippians* (xl + 116 pp., \$5.95 paper). The last Thornapple Commentary to appear was published in 1982 and is a reprint of Alfred Plummer's classic work, *An Exegetical Commentary on the Gospel According to St. Matthew* (xlvi + 451 pp., \$12.95 paper). Every student is deeply indebted to Baker for making available editions of many of these outstanding commentaries. We might mention as a last contribution of Baker in commentaries Markus L. Loane's *They Overcame: An Exposition of the First Three Chapters of Revelation* (x + 132 pp., \$3.95 paper), a more popularly oriented work.

Zondervan has produced three books that may be mentioned here. The work by F. C. Conybeare and St. George Stock, *A Grammar of Septuagint Greek* (1980, \$5.95 paper), is

one of the few studies of the LXX that is helpful for NT scholars. Two other works fit more into the category of new editions rather than reprints but we will mention them here because they have not been substantially changed. Edwin R. Thiele's *The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings* (253 pp., \$12.95) is known as a classic study of the historical books of the OT. Three decades after the original publication of the book Thiele continues to defend his views and claims in this third edition that his basic thesis, that a reconciliation of the various numbers of the reigns of the kings is possible, still stands. Many of us who teach have found very helpful the survey of modern English versions by Sakae Kubo and Walter F. Specht, *So Many Versions? Twentieth Century English Versions of the Bible* (401 pp., \$9.95 paper, 1983, revised edition). This new edition includes recent versions such as the *New King James Bible* and the *Reader's Digest Bible* not included in the earlier edition as well as updating and expansions of many other chapters. The volume will undoubtedly be a basic reference source for twentieth-century translations for the near future.

In the area of Biblical studies Eisenbrauns has reprinted *Essays on the Patriarchal Narratives*, edited by A. R. Millard and D. J. Wiseman (xi + 237 pp., \$9.95 paper, 1983 in this reprint). The volume includes a number of essays from generally conservative scholars on historical questions pertaining to these early Biblical narratives. *A Classic Study from a Covenant Theological Position on Israel and the New Covenant* by Roderick Campbell (reprinted by Presbyterian and Reformed, xiii + 350 pp., \$12.95) rounds out this survey of recent reprints in the area of Biblical studies.

In the general areas of theology and Church history, publishers have brought out a number of significant reprints in the period of the last several years. Perhaps deserving pride of place is the Multnomah series, featuring a number of abridgments of classic theological and devotional studies. Several of these have come across our desk. In 1982 *The Reformed Pastor* by Richard Baxter (xxi + 160 pp., \$9.95) was published. Baxter's devotional insights into the pastorate remain of great value for those pursuing any call to ministry in our own day. In 1983 another Puritan work, *Sin and Temptation* by John Owen, appeared (xxx + 204 pp., \$9.95). 1983 also saw the publication of *The Love of God* by Bernard of Clairvaux (ix + 271 pp., \$11.95) and *A Life of Prayer* by St. Theresa of Avila (xxxvi + 246 pp., \$11.95). All four books are abridged by James M. Houston. While a purist may complain of abridged editions, Multnomah is doing a service to the wide reading public in making available in more easily understood and readable form some of these classic works of devotion.

Again, however, the larger share of reprints has come out under the imprint of Baker Book House. They have reprinted four classic studies in the area of Christian theology: R. B. Kuiper's *For Whom Did Christ Die? A Study of the Divine Design of the Atonement* (104 pp., \$3.95 paper), John Calvin, *Sermons on the Saving Work of Christ* (selected and translated by Leroy Nixon; 302 pp., \$7.95 paper), August Lecerf, *An Introduction to Reformed Dogmatics* (408 pp., \$9.95 paper), and Philip Melancthon, *Melancthon on Christian Doctrine: Loci Communes 1555* (translated and edited by Clyde L. Manschreck; lvii + 356 pp., \$11.95 paper). Baker has also reprinted four works published in the last 35 years by evangelicals in the area of philosophy of religion. One of these is Edward John Carnell's *A Philosophy of the Christian Religion* (523 pp., \$10.95 paper, 1980 in reprint). Another general study of the area is Gordon H. Clark's *A Christian View of Men and Things: An Introduction to Philosophy* (325 pp., \$8.95 paper, 1981 in reprint). Of a more specialized nature is Stuart C. Hackett's *The Resurrection of Theism: Prolegomena to Christian Apology* (381 pp., \$11.95 paper, 1982). This book is not only a reprint but a second edition of a valuable study of Christian apologetics. Falling into a similar category is C. Stephen Evans' *Preserving the Person: A Look at the Human Sciences* (177 pp., \$5.95 paper, 1982 in reprint), a helpful attempt to grapple with modern science from a Christian perspective.

Finally, Baker has reprinted a number of studies of Church history written by modern authors. In 1980 appeared *The Reformers and Their Step Children* by Leonard Verduin

(292 pp., \$7.95 paper), a rare study of the Anabaptist Reformers. In 1981 Baker reprinted the massive *A History of Christianity: Readings in the History of the Church* (the first volume of which is edited by Ray C. Petry, the second volume by Clyde Manschreck), which contains illuminating samples of primary sources from the whole of Church history. Also appearing in 1981 were *The Fundamentalist Movement: 1930 to 1956* by Louis Gasper (181 pp., \$6.95 paper), *Reformers in the Wings* by David C. Steinmetz (240 pp., \$7.95 paper), and *The World of the Reformation* by Hans J. Hillerbrand (229 pp., \$6.95 paper). In 1982 Baker reprinted Stanley M. Gundry's biography of D. L. Moody entitled *Love Them In* (252 pp., \$6.95 paper). Finally, in 1983 William Ragsdale Cannon's *History of Christianity in the Middle Ages: From the Fall of Rome to the Fall of Constantinople* (352 pp., \$9.95 paper) appeared. Also in 1983, Moody Press published a series of articles that have appeared in *Bibliotheca Sacra* in the last decade or so. It is entitled the *Bib Sac Reader* and is edited by John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck (278 pp.).

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