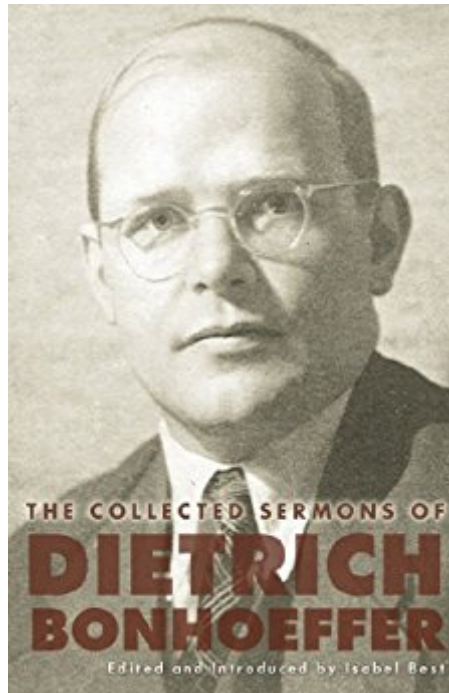


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The Collected Sermons Of Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Synopsis

Preaching, according to Bonhoeffer, is like offering an apple to child. The gospel is proclaimed, but for it to be received as gift depends on whether or not the hearer is in a position to do so. Offered here are thirty-one of Pastor Bonhoeffer's sermons, in new English translations, which he preached at various times of the year and in a variety of different settings. Each is introduced by Bonhoeffer translator Isabel Best who also provides a brief biography of Bonhoeffer. The foreword is by Victoria J. Barnett, general editor of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, English edition, published by Fortress Press, from which these sermons are selected. In his preaching, Bonhoeffer's strong, personal faith—the foundation for everything he did—shines in the darkness of Hitler's Third Reich and in the church struggle against it. Though not overtly political, Bonhoeffer's deep concern for the developments in his world is revealed in his sermons as he seeks to draw the listener into conversation with the promises and claims of the gospel—a conversation readers today are invited to join.

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i am challenged as a preacher, by these sermons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Obviously he has thought long and hard about the human condition in the light of the word which he faithfully preached. He takes time to expound the Word and match it to deal very charitably with the human condition and he does so with pastoral concern humility and love. I highly commend this work.

Although Bonhoeffer's sermons were written in the thirties, the topics are pertinent to today's church and society. The sermons are both simple and deep. They can be examined on many levels, from the newest Christian to a biblical scholar. I was particularly moved by the sermon on forgiveness. It is something we all struggle with, and he has a unique outlook. This is not "pop" theology or light reading. However, it is not as hard to read as his book on discipleship. I have bought several copies to share with my friends.

I've read several of Bonhoeffer's works and have often struggled, having to reread sections multiple times to understand them. They are amazing, but the Germanic structure and rigor can be a challenge. With his sermons these challenges seemed to pass away. At times I even found myself reading them aloud to myself, the depth of meaning coming off the page as I read and spoke the words. Particular sermons made me come back and reread them multiple times, not because I didn't understand what was written but because the implications of Christian faith Bonhoeffer drew are profound and challenging. I'd highly recommend the sermons for anyone thinking of reading something by Bonhoeffer. Having been written to deliver a specific point to his congregations they are more accessible than other writings and an excellent point of entry.

This is one of the best books I have ever read. What a great family of distinguished achievers were Bonhoeffer's family! The text gives an excellent description and reasons for the rise of the Nazi Party in Germany following WWI. Bonhoeffer's older sisters married guys who were leaders of the counter-intelligence agency who conspired to assassinate Hitler. The brother-in-law got Bonhoeffer involved in the conspiracy which led to his death.

For fans of Bonhoeffer this book of his sermons is a real treasure. I have read most of the sermons several times now. I am amazed how "relevant" his thoughts are despite being crafted some 70 years ago. One will enjoy reading these sermons much more if one first reads a good biography like "Bonhoeffer" by Metaxas, but these fine sermons also stand alone as pastoral exhortations,

reflections, and admonitions from one of the finest the theologians and pastors in the first half of the twentieth century. Well-worth the read . . . and re-read!

I found this collection to be very inspiring and just as relevant today as when these sermons were written. The brief introductory notes set a context for the sermon which is helpful and informative. The Kindle version is functional and easy to use.

I have read a little of Bonhoeffer, especially enjoying Life Together. I enjoyed these sermons and he had some very interesting thoughts on many scripture texts - especially when considering the context in which they were proclaimed. A time of growing darkness and uncertainty and turmoil, when being a confessing Christian was something that could endanger health and life. Very fine collection.

Excellent reading. Very inspirational. Written by a very great man.

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