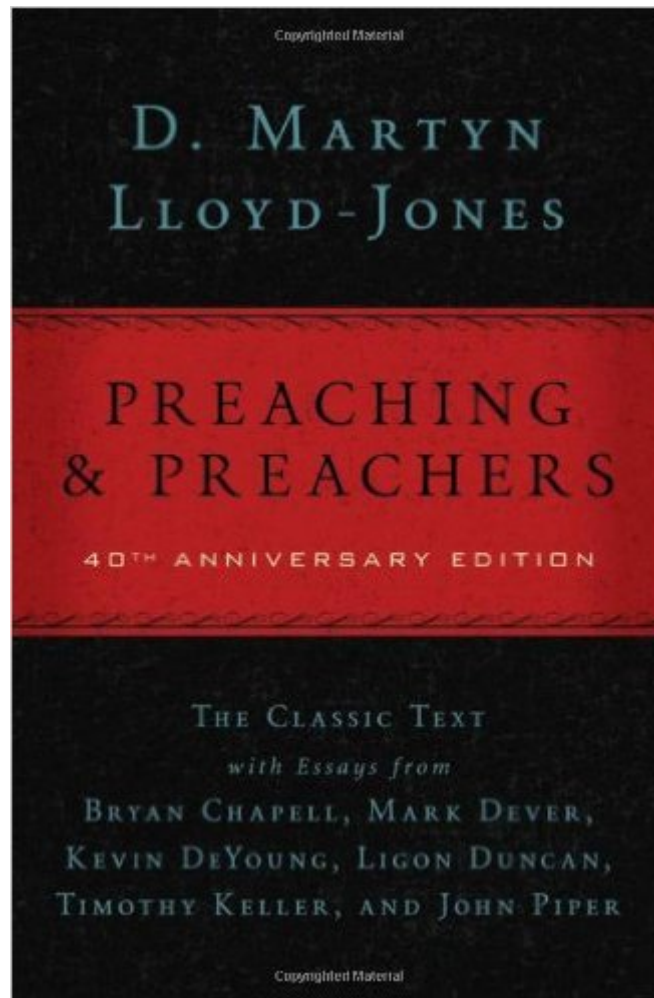


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# Preaching And Preachers



## Synopsis

For over 30 years, Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones ministered at Westminster Chapel in London. Today, he is widely considered one of the greatest preachers of the 20th century. Based on a series of lectures originally given by Lloyd-Jones to the students of Westminster Theological Seminary in the spring of 1969, this collection of essays on the essence of powerful preaching has become a modern classic. Lloyd-Jones defends the primacy of preaching, showing that there is no substitute, and he challenges preachers to take their calling seriously: "The most urgent need in the Christian Church today is true preaching." He also provides practical direction on the task of preparing a sermon, sharing insights on the shape and form of a message as well as covering such topics as the use of humor, giving invitations in a message and the preacher's relationship to the congregation. If you can own only one book on preaching, make this the one you read. This 40th anniversary edition includes the original text of *Preaching and Preachers* along with essays by Bryan Chapell, Mark Dever, Kevin DeYoung, Ligon Duncan, Timothy Keller and John Piper reflecting on the impact this book and the ministry of Lloyd-Jones had on their preaching. This is a book that will continue to speak to a new generation of preachers and teachers for years to come.

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"The most urgent need in the Christian Church today is true preaching; and as it is the greatest and most urgent need in the Church, it is obviously the greatest need of the world also" (p. 17) It is with these timeless words that Martin Lloyd-Jones begins *Preaching & Preachers* which is one of the

most classic books on preaching. Lloyd-Jones faithfully ministered to the congregation at Westminster Chapel in London for over thirty years and the thousands of sermons he preached there echo throughout the Christian world even today. Originally given as a series of lectures to the students of Westminster Theological Seminary, *Preaching & Preachers* is a clarion call for ministers of the gospel to take their task of preaching seriously. If the most urgent need in the Christian church is true preaching then "the primary task of the Church and of the Christian minister is the preaching of the Word of God" (p. 27). But the urgency Lloyd-Jones speaks to is not just the timeless need for preaching the truth of Scripture. Lloyd-Jones believed that preaching in the church was waning: "While men believed in the Scriptures as the authoritative Word of God and spoke on the basis of that authority you had great preaching. But as belief in the great doctrines of the Bible began to go out, and sermons were replaced by ethical addresses and homilies, and moral uplift and socio-political talk, it is not surprising that preaching declined" (p. 21). For Lloyd-Jones, there was an untie-able knot joining belief in Scripture as the authoritative Word of God and truly great authoritative preaching. If one does not accept the authority of Scripture then how can one preach the words it contains with any kind of authority?

In order to introduce a new generation of preachers to "the Doctor" this book published in 1972 has been reissued. All the material from a series of lectures the Doctor gave in 1969 at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia - and is still very relevant to the times in which we are living in the 21st century. The Doctor was one who knew his cultural climate and ministered in a setting in London, that (especially in comparison with big cities in America) was ahead of its time in terms of a naturalistic worldview and skepticism toward religion and the gospel. However, he never backed down from the primacy and centrality of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ from the Scriptures. It's doubtful that very many preachers will agree with everything Lloyd-Jones has to say in this book, but it's also very probable that you will gain profound insight, wisdom, and be encouraged in your preaching. You will most certainly be convinced of the importance of preaching, the relevance of preaching, and become a better gospel empowered preacher as a result of reading this book. What's different about the 40th edition? Well, the 1972 version has been left in tact, but there are several very welcome features: Several new essays by modern preachers who share what they have learned and applied from the Doctor - Ligon Duncan writes an essay entitled, "Some things to Look For and Wrestle With;" Tim Keller writes an essay called "A Tract for the Times;" John Piper writes on "Martyn Lloyd-Jones: The Preacher;" Kevin DeYoung writes an essay on "Preaching for Brand New and Tired Old Preachers;" Mark Dever writes on "What I've Learned about Preaching

From Martyn Lloyd-Jones;" and lastly Bryan Chapell pens "Martyn Lloyd-Jones: An Uncommon Zeal.

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