



ANGLES OF PREACHING

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This edition of the *Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society* is a demonstration of the various angles by which to understand and appreciate the breadth of approaches to the field of homiletics.

The articles are from around the globe, including authors from New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Canada, and the United States. The diverse contributions cover the use of scripture in the sermons of Martin Lloyd-Jones and W.E. Sangster at the outbreak of World War II, an analysis of theocentric preaching during the COVID-19 pandemic, imagination in expository sermon construction, preaching and teaching and the doctrine of humanity, and evoking and invoking gratitude in preaching. In addition, a guest editorial, and the appreciable gallery of book reviews, which includes a new feature—voices from the past.

The guest editorial is by Russell St. John, reflecting thoughtfully on the concept of preaching sin as an act of love. This is followed with an article by Emma Swai asking the question, “How did preachers Martin Lloyd-Jone and William Sangster use Scripture in their preaching responses to the outbreak of World War II? Swai examines the sermons of these two eminent preachers with the help of Grounded Theory, an analytical inductive approach.

In the next article, John Jefferson Davis ponders, “Why preachers should *not* start at the beginning but instead start at the ending in the teaching and preaching on the doctrine of man.” Davis’s insights will help any thoughtful homiletician or preacher consider how one commences preaching on the doctrine of man.

Lynne Taylor and Jessica Bent's insightful study of online preaching in New Zealand during a focused-period during the COVID-19 pandemic is helpful in gaining perspective on the elements of theocentric and therapeutic as preached in sermons examined.

Jeremy McClung's helpful study on evoking and invoking gratitude in preaching is intriguing and insightful. McClung was past recipient of the Scott M. Gibson Emerging Scholar Grant. This article is the essay that he submitted for the grant.

Finally, Andrew Page offers an article on imagination in expository preaching. Page argues, "imagination serves an important and necessary role in expository sermon construction." Readers will appreciate the approaches Page explores as he examines the use of imagination in expository preaching.

One can appreciate from the content in this edition of the *Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society* that there are indeed various angles from which homiletics can be researched—including, historically, biblically, theologically, sociologically, and through psychological analysis, sermon assessment, and so much more. The contours of homiletical research are vast, inviting scholars to explore the field from any number of angles. This is our calling as homileticians, to investigate preaching from various vantage points, thus strengthening the preaching task and ultimately bolstering the church, bringing honor to Christ.