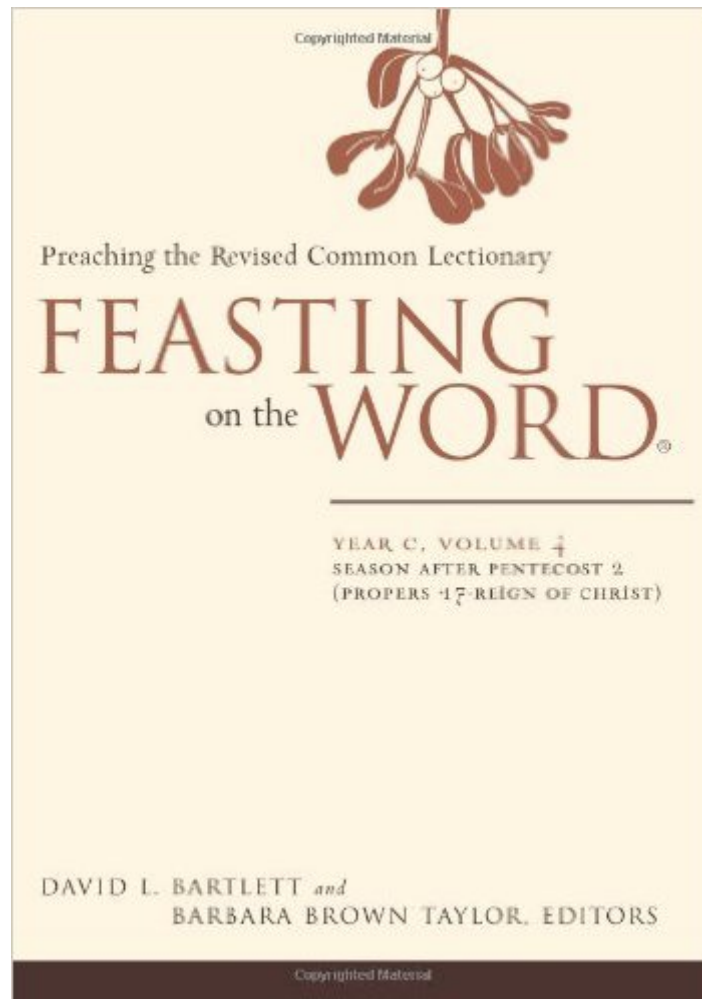


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# Feasting On The Word: Year C, Vol. 4: Season After Pentecost 2 (Proper 17-Reign Of Christ)



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Because of the feedback the publisher has received from you, they have decided to commission essays on the lections not in the print volumes, so that the complete complementary and semicontinuous tracks will be available for all three years. Beginning with the season after Pentecost for Year C in May 2010, the lections not in printed books will be available on [...]. You will hear more about the details from Westminster John Knox Press as they get closer to that date.

I have been a pastor and preacher for nearly 20 years and believe me, I have tried them all. While there are some VERY good one out there like *The New Interpreter's Bible One-Volume Commentary*, *Genesis: Interpretation: a Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching* or *Women's Bible Commentary*, *Feasting on the Word* is HANDS DOWN the best blend of Biblical insight, theological inquiry and pastoral care. First, if you google some of the writers and editors involved in this project, you will soon discover that these folks are top-shelf academics, theologians, preachers and pastors. This is where the brilliance of this series comes in. For each set of Sunday Lectionary readings you receive a perspective from all four of these perspectives: theological, biblical, homiletical and pastoral. This way a preacher is able to get a broad yet, concise view of the Scripture upon which he/she can build firm foundation for a particular sermon shared with a particular community. Second, if you are a preacher that preaches from the above mentioned Lectionary tradition (If you are not familiar with the Lectionary check out: *The Revised Common Lectionary: The Consultation on Common Texts*), this is the best series I have ever used. A close second would be the *New Proclamation a Adv Hly Wk*, but over all, *Feasting on the Word* is the one I would spend my money on. Third, honestly, while you can now get many of the volumes on Kindle, the publishers have done a great job of choosing a look, feel and layout that is pleasing to the eye and touch. They include the readings, a four column layout that is easy to read and the cream/brown color scheme just feels classy. If you are looking for a gift for a pastor (your own or yourself) or you want to start a seminarian's book collection, you cannot go wrong with this series as well as the many worship and liturgy resources that are beginning to role out.

The *Feasting on the Word* are excellent resources for pastors---Theology, Pastoral, Exegetical and Homiletic viewpoints are covered usually offering new insights and from varying perspectives which I appreciate. It would be helpful to have the material organized differently rather than hopping from one page to another to the appropriate column just to read each category. I hope that each book is offered on Kindle---more are being offered and it is wonderful to read it on the ipad. Thank you!

When I am stuck during sermon preparation whether it be a obscure scripture text or the need for a new perspective on a frequently used one, this book unsticks me. It also gives new perspectives during scripture study, providing a more indepth study time.

It's especially helpful for those of us who don't preach that often. With the number of reflections

written for each Sunday of the liturgical calendar it carries a broad range of ideas to use when trying to start a homily or sermon. Well worth the money. I'll be purchasing each volume as needed.

As a Methodist who is a lectionary preacher I've found this to be a solid resource for sermon prep. Even when I don't agree with a particular theological stance, the commentary provides food for thought. I believe that is the mark of a good lectionary resource, it aids one in reflecting on the scripture and perhaps gives pause for a nuance that you haven't viewed. The lay out is very user friendly and if you are liturgical I'd highly recommend the worship companion texts as well. In this era of digital media I am pleased that it is being released in hard copy and e-book formats. The worship companion hard copy had an enclosed CD-ROM which is a nice addition.

Wonderful resource. Beautiful liturgy that follows the lectionary themes of the week. I use it every week as I prepare to lead worship. Highly recommend for leaders looking for new and fresh liturgy and prayers.

I use this series almost every time I preach. Provides some very good exegesis and preaching foci, often giving some truly insightful links to the world today. My only criticism is that there is not much social context information on the text, e.g. how might a contemporary crowd have laughed when hearing the tale of Jonah or might 1st century Judeans have interpreted a shepherd leaving a whole herd to search for one lost lamb to make sense or be ridiculous.

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