

prepares students to understand the necessity for a sinless Messiah to come and die for our sins, did not get a lesson. Once unbelievers grasp the need for a Saviour, they are more willing to consider the Scriptures explaining Christ's death. Finally, the book lacks a framework, such as the covenants.

In short, this book might give good outlines for the preacher, provided the cross references are rigorously trimmed, but is a poor application of the principles of the Chronological approach. Buy the charts, but not the book.

Reviewed by I.L.

*Knowing and Doing the Will of God* by Blackaby T & King CV, 1990, Lifeway Press. Available in English (and Arabic???)

This book was enthusiastically recommended to me as a course for intermediate believers. It consists of a thirteen week course, combining individual and group study, and by study, this means several hours of hard work. Daily passages are set, with questions and a detailed exposition of the theme. The theme is expounded using propositions, backed up by illustrations and evidence from Scripture, and other material such as the experience of other Christians. The book is strong on application and open-ended questions encouraging reflection.

If you are looking for a book that explains propositions and arguments, and stops to consider biblical material, (instead of just giving references) then the book makes an excellent change. But because the book sets out to be a

course of instruction in the Bible, the chosen format is misleading. It is NOT a Bible study course as I know it. Instead, it is yet another book that perpetuates the approach to Scripture in which isolated verses and passages are used to support arguments, instead of deriving propositions from the text. There probably is a very limited place for this approach. But we who teach others must get away from the "proof-text" approach to teaching. Unfortunately, too much material being made available in Arabic seems to use this approach. This fatal flaw renders the book almost unusable, except perhaps as a resource book, especially for the application questions.

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*Anthropological Reflections on Missiological Issues* by Hiebert, Paul G., Baker Books, Grand Rapids MI 49516-6287, USA, 1994, pp. 272.

"Reflections" is an apt phrase to describe the contents of this book. Little new material is presented, as concerns either anthropology or missiology. Rather, the author, both an anthropologist and a missiologist, reflects on materials presented by him and others in those fields in recent years and then applies his conclusions to missions and the church.

The book is divided into three main sections: Epistemological Foundations, Planting Churches, and Spiritual Encounters.

The first section traces the development of epistemological positions from "naive realism" to either "idealism" or "critical realism. In relating this development to missions, he traces the