



Books in Review

THE COMING EVANGELICAL CRISIS

John H. Armstrong, Editor
Moody Press, 268 pages, \$17.99

The irony of this book, which is filled with insights into the current problems in the evangelical Church, is that Moody Press, which has published a number of questionable books of late, is part of the problem.

The 14 contributors (including R.C. Sproul, John MacArthur, Michael Horton and Dave Powlison) skillfully and with documentation diagnose the state of the Church today. With Scripture and Church history they make their case showing the serious drift from doctrine and theology.

Not everyone who reads the book will agree with the strongly stated Calvinistic statements of some of the contributors. However, that should not deter one from getting great insights from the bulk of the book. Most readers will applaud the strong appeals to return to orthodox Christian theology and the sufficiency of Scripture.

In the second section of the book, R. Fowler White addresses the crisis of Divine Revelation and examines the subject, "Does God Speak Today Apart From the Bible?" It is a masterful critique of the fanciful ideas of Jack Deere, formerly with the Vineyard movement.

John Armstrong looks at the current trend of exorcisms, renunciation prayers and ancestral bondage (repeatedly promoted in Moody books). He denounces this type of sensationalistic practice. He titles his very helpful and practical chapter, "How Shall We Wage Our Warfare?"

Robert Strimple does an excellent job in showing us that Clark Pinnock's Process Theology and defective view of God is simply a revival of the ancient heresy of Socinianism.

Evangelicalism is in dire straits and is capitulating to culture and mass-marketing techniques and is rapidly drifting from the sufficiency of Scripture. Thank God that these men have addressed the current decline in a clear fashion.

—GRF

FROM FORGIVEN TO FORGIVING

by Jay Adams
Calvary Press, 175 pages, \$9.95

In apologetics, more important than knowing what's aberrant and heretical, is knowing what's scriptural and orthodox. From Rebecca Brown to a host of modern day psychologists, a "forgive and forget" attitude and granting forgiveness even when it hasn't been sought is promoted as the biblical norm. Not so, says nouthetic counselor, Dr. Jay Adams.

From Forgiven to Forgiving will provide the Christian with solid biblical answers and actions on the topic of forgiveness. Adams, with great biblical insight and wisdom, dispels today's all-too-common misuses and misconceptions about forgiveness.

As you learn to relate and communicate principles of forgiveness in your relationships, you will experience a new freedom in Christ. This outstanding book is a worthwhile topic for group learning.

This volume is a must read for every Christian. After being out-of-print for a few years, and difficult to obtain, the publication has been reissued by Calvary Press. While it has been re-typeset and includes a new cover, the contents are just as much needed today as when it was originally produced.

—AMG

POWER ENCOUNTERS

Reclaiming Spiritual Warfare

by David Powlison
Baker Book House, 160 pages, \$9.99

Believers in Christ agree that we belong to an "army" and who the enemy is. Where we often part ways is over *how* to fight Satan and his demons.

Amid fascination with the demonic spreading beyond fringe groups and the proliferation of "deliverance" ministries that capitalize on it, this book comes across as a welcome breath of fresh air.

Powlison's work is kind, considerate, careful and decidedly biblical. He names names and cuts through the sensationalism of deliverance teachings. Anyone seeking to escape the deliverance movement's drift toward mediumship and mysticism will find solid biblical ground on which to stand in this book. He is a

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