

New Testament Commentary. Exposition of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

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When Dr. William Hendriksen died in January, 1982, he left behind a legacy of a thoroughly Reformed-evangelical commentary series on the four Gospels and all the epistles of Paul with the exception of I and II Corinthians. Personally I have found them excellent for Bible study and sermon preparation. Hendriksen had the gift to make complex ideas clear.

Dr. Kistemaker, who has been given the task to continue with the series, has proven to be a worthy successor. His commentary on Hebrews is free from technical language so that not only the pastor, but also the lay person can read the explanation of a text without much difficulty. Greek words, phrases and constructions are at the conclusion of each section for those acquainted with this language. Each chapter contains an introduction, comments about doctrinal considerations, and a summary. The practical helps, the poetry, hymns and psalms quoted, the sound exegesis, and the fine writing style makes for easy reading. I congratulate Dr. Kistemaker with this wonderful achievement.

Dr. Kistemaker has been a professor of New Testament at the Reformed Theological Seminary since 1971 and is chairman of this department. He was a home missionary for two years in Vernon, B.C., and then professor of Bible at Dordt College for eight. He is a past president of the Evangelical Theological Society, which he now serves as secretary-treasurer.

The best Hebrews commentaries are listed below. There are exegetical commentaries, scholarly and technical commentaries, as well as commentaries that are easy to understand. The Epistle to the Hebrews New International Commentary on the New Testament by Gareth Lee Cockerill. Get this book on Amazon using its exact ISBN . Get this book on Christian Book using its exact ISBN . Here are the books of the New Testament in the canonical order of the Bible, with links to the pages where you can find translations, the original Greek, commentary, and information on these books of the New Testament. The New Testament: The Gospel of Matthew. The New Testament: The Gospel of Mark. The New Testament: The Gospel of Luke. The New Testament: The Gospel of John. The New Testament: The Acts of the Apostles. The New Testament: The Epistle of Paul to the Romans. The document known as the Epistle to the Hebrews is the most elegant and sophisticated, and perhaps the most enigmatic, text of first-century Christianity. Its author is unknown and the circumstances of its composition remain mysterious. This introduction will review the attempted resolutions of the riddles of Hebrews while offering an orientation to the text as a work of literary and theological artistry. To anticipate briefly the results of this introductory essay, Hebrews may be Cite this Item. Commentary. After the hortatory interlude our author returns to exposition. Up to this point he has focused on the majesty of the Son, God's instrument in creation who is now enthroned in majesty. But the story of the Son encapsulated in the opening verses is not simply one of glory.