

Book of the Month

February 2011

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**Lectures in Old Testament Theology. Yahweh is God Alone.
Dennis F. Kinlaw. Francis Asbury Society, Wilmore Kentucky. 2010.**

Reading Dennis Kinlaw's newest book will enlighten your mind and warm your heart. For us at LCC, it also gives us the chance to get to know our first pastor (1954-1963). Reading this will help you better understand the generation of giants that gave birth to our church.

Don't let the word "lectures" scare you. Few people equal Kinlaw in his ability to take profound biblical truths and repackage them so that we can all understand. Scholars will be challenged and lay persons edified. He speaks to the mind and the heart.

Pull up a desk and listen as Dr. Kinlaw teaches from his wealth of wisdom after over 50 years of study and reflection on the first 39 books of the Bible. You will discover not only the richness of the Hebrew text but also the uniqueness of the message of the Old Testament when contrasted with the other cultures of the Ancient Near East. You will learn the centrality of the covenant and be moved by God's passionate loyalty and faithfulness (hesed) to remain true to what he has promised. Kinlaw begins his study of the Old Testament with the Psalms because the study of God is not a mere academic pursuit. Ultimately, God can only be known through heart-felt worship. Kinlaw ends his study (30 lectures later!) with the Song of Songs where we see how "human love is a metaphor for the way God wants to relate to His creatures" (p. 445). In other words, for Kinlaw, if theology doesn't lead to intimacy with God... well, it's just been a waste of time!

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