Cries of a Conquering King

A Practical Theology of the Imprecatory Psalms

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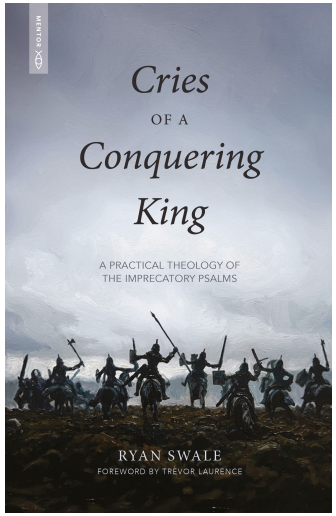

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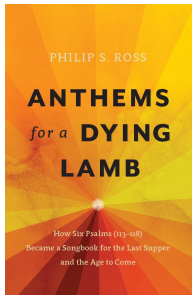

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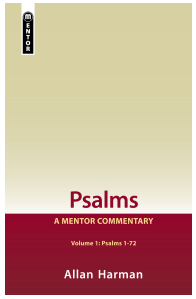

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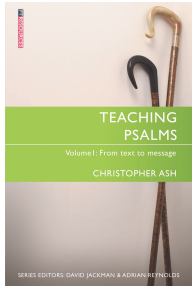

DESCRIPTION

Recover the Biblical Role of the Imprecatory Psalms

Cries of a Conquering King offers a clear and compelling case for reclaiming the imprecatory psalms within Christian theology and practice. With careful exegesis and pastoral application, Ryan Swale demonstrates that these often-neglected texts are consistent with God's character and essential to the life of the church.

Key features:

- **Careful treatment of difficult biblical passages**
- **Integration of theology and pastoral practice**
- **Practical guidance for preaching, counseling, and worship**
- **Renewed emphasis on God's justice and glory**

This work equips readers to engage Scripture more fully and apply it faithfully in ministry and daily life.

AUTHOR

Ryan Swale is a graduate of Mid-America Reformed Seminary and the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He and his lovely wife Caroline live in Jordan Station, Ontario with their five children, where he has been pastoring Immanuel United Reformed Church since 2019.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

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ENDORSEMENTS

This book should be required reading in pastoral ministry classes, and I pray it finds its way into the hands of pastors around the world who shepherd the hurting and hopeless – that is, all pastors. They will find in its pages a guide for applying the salve of the imprecatory psalms to the wounds that we humans so often inflict on one another.

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Dr. Swale's rich pastoral insights into the depth of the imprecatory psalms will bless any reader, especially those who have struggled to understand these psalms in light of Christ's command to love our enemies. This work convincingly demonstrates that the imprecatory psalms are not only harmonious with the rest of Scripture but essential to the ministry and witness of the church. I highly recommend it.

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The beauty of this book is that it does not stop short by merely offering a "theology of" imprecations. Instead, it demonstrates how modern preachers can use them – in counseling, in the pulpit, in prayer, and beyond. Every church will benefit from their pastor reading this.

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Pastor Ryan Swale's theological development and application of the place of the imprecatory psalms in the pastor's ministry, from the prayer closet to the pulpit and everywhere between, will greatly assist in revitalizing the church spiritually. Read *Cries of a Conquering King* and discover the power in these psalms that the church has relied on historically during its seasons of revival and reformation.

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