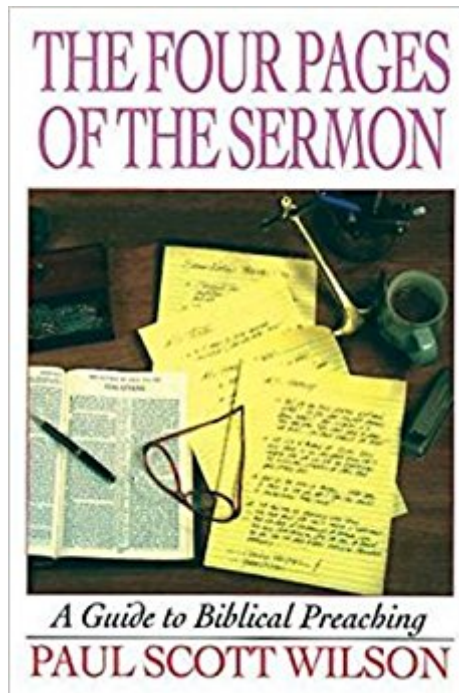




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# The Four Pages Of The Sermon: A Guide To Biblical Preaching



## Synopsis

Doing justice to the complexity of the preaching task and the questions that underlie it, Wilson organizes both the preparation and the content of the sermon around its "four pages." Each "page" addresses a different theological and creative component of what happens in any sermon. Page One presents the trouble or conflict that takes place in or that underscores the biblical text itself. Page Two looks at similar conflict--sin or brokenness--in our own time. Page Three returns to the Bible to identify where God is at work in or behind the text--in other words, to discover the good news. Page Four points to God at work in our world, particularly in relation to the situations described in Page Two.

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Paul Scott Wilson is Professor of Homiletics at Emmanuel College of the University of Toronto. He is one of the most respected and recognized teachers of homiletics in North America. He is the author of a number of books, including *The Practice of Preaching*, *Imagination of the Heart*, *God Sense: Reading the Bible for Preaching*, and *The Four Pages of the Sermon*, all published by Abingdon Press. He is the General Editor of *The New Interpreter's Handbook of Preaching*.

I gave this five stars for the message and clarity of the book. Of all my sermon studies, this is one that made the most sense to me. I think both traditional preachers and contemporary preachers can benefit from this sermon writing method. My only complaint is that the writing is kind of like a typical

pastor, long winded and takes his sweet time getting to the point. If you wanted to, you could skim the books rather easily and still get a good idea of his method.

This is one of the better "how to" write a sermon books available. It lays out a simple format that ensures that the sermon covers the trouble in the text, the trouble in the world and how the Gospel addresses that trouble in the text and the world. It is much easier said than done. The format provided by the book is simple, not simplistic, accomplishing the goal is often not so simple. We often preach demands, what people ought to do, this book pushes us to add in what God has done and is continuing to do in the world. Good stuff

I wish I had this book when I was in seminary! It would have saved me years of feeling guilty for not preaching exegetical papers! Thanks Paul!

This book was required reading. It describes one way to prepare and deliver a sermon. While the method is simple and it will work, I don't think I would like to hear or give a sermon using this format every Sunday. Add it to the many styles one could use and it becomes an asset.

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