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"One of the most satisfying contexts for doing the work of theology is in sermons. That should not be surprising because throughout Christian history, at least until recently, the sermon was one of the primary places in which the work of theology was done. For the work of theology is first and foremost to exposit Scripture. That modern theology has become less and less scriptural, that modern theology has often tried to appear as a form of philosophy, is but an indication of its alienation from its proper work. I am, therefore, making these sermons available not only because I think they are my best theological work, but because I hope they exemplify the work of theology."--From the Introduction

Stanley Hauerwas has established himself as one of today's most exciting theologians. Here he shows how the sermon is the best context for doing good theology. According to Hauerwas, recovering the sermon as the context for theological reflection is crucial if Christians are to negotiate the world in which they find themselves.

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The Glory of the Trinity

The End of Sacrifice

Was It Fitting for Jesus to Die on a Cross?

Only Fear Can Drive Out Fear

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Professors and students of theology, pastors, and all who are interested in what Hauerwas has to say about theology and preaching will value this work.

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