

**General Topics :: Need advice on Matthew Henry commentary****Need advice on Matthew Henry commentary, on: 2007/2/2 10:55**

I am considering buying a six volume set Matthew Henry Commentary. The set I'm considering is used and will cost \$30

So my questions are:

Is this a good price?

Would it be better to get the one huge volume?

What about the concise version?

Pro's and con's of Matthew Henry?

Any other commentary that would be better?

Thanks!

:-D

Re: Need advice on Matthew Henry commentary, on: 2007/2/2 11:04

If it was \$5000 it would be worth it. But \$30 is probably a great price on average.

I recommend the set. If you get it in one big volume you would probably wear out the binding pretty quick if you use it as much as I do. Also, in the big volume the type is quite small and hard to read.

Dont bother with the concise. It's Matthew Henry lite, and you subject yourself to what the editor thinks is important, and miss out on a lot of treasures that Mr. Henry had to give. Also... the concise will run ya \$15 - \$20, so spend the extra \$10

Pro... MH had incredible insight. His commentary is very easy to read, but at the same time incredibly deep. It's very good as a devotional if you're sick of all the "10 minutes with God" devotionals that are out there.

Con... MH does lean some toward Calvinism, but I dont think he was a hard core Calvinist. I think he was very balanced. Some others might disagree.

Any other commentary that would be better? Other than the Bible itself, I cant think of any.

BUY IT!!! You'll love it.

Krispy

Re: - posted by death2self (), on: 2007/2/2 11:24

This is a dear man (Matthew Henry). I use his commentary at times and it's free in e-Sword and integrates a lot of other great commentaries (Wesley, Clark, Albert Barnes, John Gill commentaries, Robertson's word pictures, Marvin Vincent's word studies, and many other tools.)

The step reader is a great add-on as well. I have a few volumes because I like to refer to them regularly.

I would use the \$30 to pay for those translations that aren't in e-Sword or send it as a gift to Brother Rick, who has done an incredible job for the body of Christ.

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Re:, on: 2007/2/2 11:57

death2self...

I'm not in anyway trying to contradict your post. You made some good points.

I just want to express that while MH is free thru e-sword, there is nothing like being able to sit down at my desk with my Bible and whatever commentaries I'm using. I mark my Bible and commentaries up big time, and I personally find it better than reading the commentary on a computer. It's good to turn off all of the high-tech stuff and just study the books.

Who is brother Rick? Surely you dont mean Rick Warren! :-o

Krispy

Re: Need advice on Matthew Henry commentary - posted by JennRich (), on: 2007/2/2 12:04

Hi Joy -- did you know that the entire Matthew Henry commentary is available for free, online? Here's the link: <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/henry/mhc.i.html>

Jennifer

Re: - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2007/2/2 12:09

No probably Rick Meyers the man who started and runs e-sword.

I would buy the set as well. I used to have the one volume version, but my wife got me the five volume set for Christmas. There is such a wealth of information, it is like treasure chest waiting to be opened.

Henry was of the Calvinistic persuasion because of the Puritan ideals he had, of which I don't see a problem.

Re: - posted by death2self (), on: 2007/2/2 12:33

Quote:

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Yes, it was this Rick.

Re: Thanks, on: 2007/2/2 21:01

Thanks so much for everyone's advice. Ya'll convinced me; I bought it. 8-) I am looking forward into gleaning from the wisdom of Matthew Henry.

Hi Jennifer! Thanks for giving me the link to that website. I think I've been on there a couple times. But this time I wanted the actual books to peruse more closely and have more handy. ;-)

Re: - posted by JennRich (), on: 2007/2/2 21:26

Quote:

Roniya wrote:

Hi Jennifer! Thanks for giving me the link to that website. I think I've been on there a couple times. But this time I wanted the actual books to peruse more closely and have more handy. ;-)

I'd rather read real books than a computer screen, too, if given the choice. . . I'm glad you got them.

Jennifer

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/2/2 21:30

Hi sister Joy,

My loving wife gave me the complete unabridged Matthew Henry commentary bookset (in 6 volumes), plus his complete sermons, prayers, treatises, letters, etc. in two additional volumes for my last birthday. The *complete* Matthew Henry, everything the guy ever wrote! I love reading through the commentary, and all his sermons are holy and pure and full of Puritan wisdom. I strongly recommend getting the original and unabridged version; the concise one-volume leaves out tons of hidden gems. I have the Hendrickson 6-volume edition, used. I think she found it on Ebay for about 30 bucks.

In anycase, you will be mightily blessed with this commentary - I understand that George Whitefield was in the habit of reading through it on his knees.

Brother Paul

Re: - posted by fromtheold (), on: 2007/2/3 1:37

Best commentary i have read so far.

Its a good choice, The concise is just bigger i think.

Of all the commentaries i have read that one seems the most accurate.

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/3 7:49

You'll find an introduction to (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matthew_Henry) Matthew Henry on wikipedia.

Spurgeon used to tell his students; "if you don't have a copy of Matthew Henry, sell your coat and buy one and then preach in your shirt-sleeves"

Re: Matthew Henry - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/2/3 8:37

A couple of old posts that might be of some interest, though unrelated to the commentary. From our sister geraldine;

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?viewmodeflat&order0&topic_id3178&forum40&post_id&refreshGo) Forgotten past of my town feat. Matthew Henry

A 'updated' version;

(https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id10348&forum40#80417) Forgotten past of my town feat. Matthew Henry Update

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/2/3 9:30

So you think Matthew Henry is better than Adam Clark? Just wondering. We own a Clark's commentary, not a MH.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2007/2/3 9:50

Charles Spurgeon said, "If I must have only one commentary, and had read Matthew Henry as I have, I do not know but what I should choose Poole. He is a very prudent and judicious commentator . . . not so pithy and witty by far as Matthew Henry, but he is perhaps more accurate, less a commentator, and more an expositor."

God Bless

TJ

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Re:, on: 2007/2/3 12:13

Quote:

philologos wrote:

Spurgeon used to tell his students; "if you don't have a copy of Matthew Henry, sell your coat and buy one and then preach in your shirt-sleeves"

I like that. Thanks for passing it on.

Quote:

"If I must have only one commentary, and had read Matthew Henry as I have, I do not know but what I should choose Poole. He is a very prudent and judicious commentator . . . not so pithy and witty by far as Matthew Henry, but he is perhaps more accurate, less a commentator, and more an expositor."

Okay, so sell your coat for Matthew Henry; wonder what Spurgeon would have recommended selling for Poole? :-P

Re: - posted by philologos (), on: 2007/2/3 13:51

Quote:

<http://www.christchurchreformed.com/revelationbibleoutlines/Revelation42.pdf>

They are very different in style and purpose and it theological position.
Adam Clark was Methodist Arminian, and his work is more 'scholarly'.
Matthew Henry was Calvinist and his work more devotional.

If you are struggling to interpret a difficult passage Adam Clark will nearly always have some suggestions for you. Although his work is more scholarly he was a regular preacher who had Wesley's confidence.

Re: - posted by K_DAY, on: 2007/2/4 0:23

Just ordered my 6 volumes! I can't wait to get it!