



Finding Sermons at Stitt Library

Stitt Library has a rich collection of sermons. They include published sermons in books and journals, collected sermons in the archives, and audio and video of sermons preached in Shelton Chapel. This guide will give you suggestions to help you find the kinds of sermons you need.

Finding sermons using Sophi Search or the library catalog

To find books cataloged in the general subject area of “sermons” do a subject search for sermons using the advanced search in Sophi Search or in the online catalog at <http://voyager.austinseminary.edu/>

You’ll find that this brings up a lot of results, but adding an additional term (like “sermons, American”) will narrow your results. Searching in the library catalog will bring up print books of sermons in the library. Searching in Sophi Search will also bring up journal articles about sermons as well as historic sermons from databases like the American Theological Library Association Historic Monographs Collection. Filtering by resource type or subject in Sophi Search (in the left-hand column) is a good way to quickly narrow down your result list. If you are looking for print material available at Stitt Library, use the “Austin Seminary / SSW Library Catalog” limiter under Limit To on the left.

Here are some examples of subject headings for specific types of sermons:

- Children’s sermons
- Evangelistic sermons
- Church Year sermons
- Christmas sermons
- Story Sermons
- Dialogue Sermons
- Youth Sermons
- Occasional Sermons

Note that in Sophi Search and the catalog “Sermons” is a different subject from “Preaching.” Preaching refers to the art of giving sermons.

You will find that “Sermons” is used both as a separate subject heading and as a subdivision of other topical headings, names of individuals, locations, or names of denominations (for example, “Presbyterian Church -- Sermons.”)

Finding Sermons on Specific Bible Passages

The subdivision “sermons” can be added to any subject heading for a book of the Bible (for example, “Bible. John--Sermons”). Check with the public services librarian if you have trouble constructing the subject heading for a book of the Bible.

Finding Sermons by Particular Individuals

To find sermons by a particular person enter their last name and the word “sermons” in a keyword search in Sophi Search or the online catalog.

Browsing for books of sermons in the library

General collections of sermons can be found in the call number BV4241, for example:

20 Centuries of Great Preaching

Sermons within denominational traditions can be browsed in the following call numbers:

Presbyterian Church Sermons – BX9178

Methodist Church Sermons – BX8333

Episcopal Church Sermons – BX5937

Catholic Church Sermons – BX1756

Accessing recorded sermons

Faculty sermons

Selected faculty sermons are available for streaming on the Seminary website, here:

<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=3928>

CDs, Videocassettes, and DVDs

Chapel sermons preached from September 2005 to the present are available on CDs and DVDs and are searchable in Sophi Search and the library catalog. Their call number begins with ACD. They can be checked out for 2 weeks. Stitt Library has a few sermons on DVDs and videocassette tapes which circulate for 2 weeks. One collection of interest is Great Preachers, Series I, which includes sermons from Gardner C. Taylor, William H. Willimon, Fred B. Craddock, Thomas G. Long, John R.W. Stott, James Forbes, Walter J. Burghardt, S.J., Barbara Brown Taylor, Haddon Robinson, and Billy Graham.

Finding Sermons in the Archives

The Austin Seminary Archives has collections of ministerial papers that include extensive files of sermons and sermon notes. The organization of the sermons varies depending on the individual system of the minister who preached them. Some collections to look at include:

- Malcolm Black papers (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1704>)
- Henry Brown sermons (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1706>)
- Thomas White Currie, Jr. papers (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1716>)
- Robert Francis Gribble papers (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1728>)
- Ronald Miller Guinn sermons (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1729>)
- La Hora Presbiteriana audio collection (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1735>)
- Arthur Gray Jones sermons and addresses (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1739>)
- Charles Leonidas King papers (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1743>)
- John Douglass Leslie papers (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1747>)
- C. Ellis Nelson papers (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1824>)
- Samuel Orr sermons and wedding ceremony (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1769>)
- James Mason Sedgwick papers (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1792>)
- James Allen Smith sermons (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1797>)
- Frank Hall Wright sermons (<http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1820>)

You can view all our collection inventories here: <http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1692>

Contact the archivist at archives@austinseminary.edu for specific questions on finding and using sermons in the archives.

Finding Sermons on the Internet

There are numerous sites related to preaching and that contain sermons on the Internet. Here are a few as samples:

- “Lectionary Sermons and Resources”
<http://www.rockies.net/~spirit/sermon.html>
- Christian Classics Ethereal Library books featuring sermons:
<http://www.ccel.org/search/books/sermons>
- “The Text This Week - Revised Common Lectionary...”
<http://textweek.com>

If you have questions, please contact us at libraryiq@austinseminary.edu