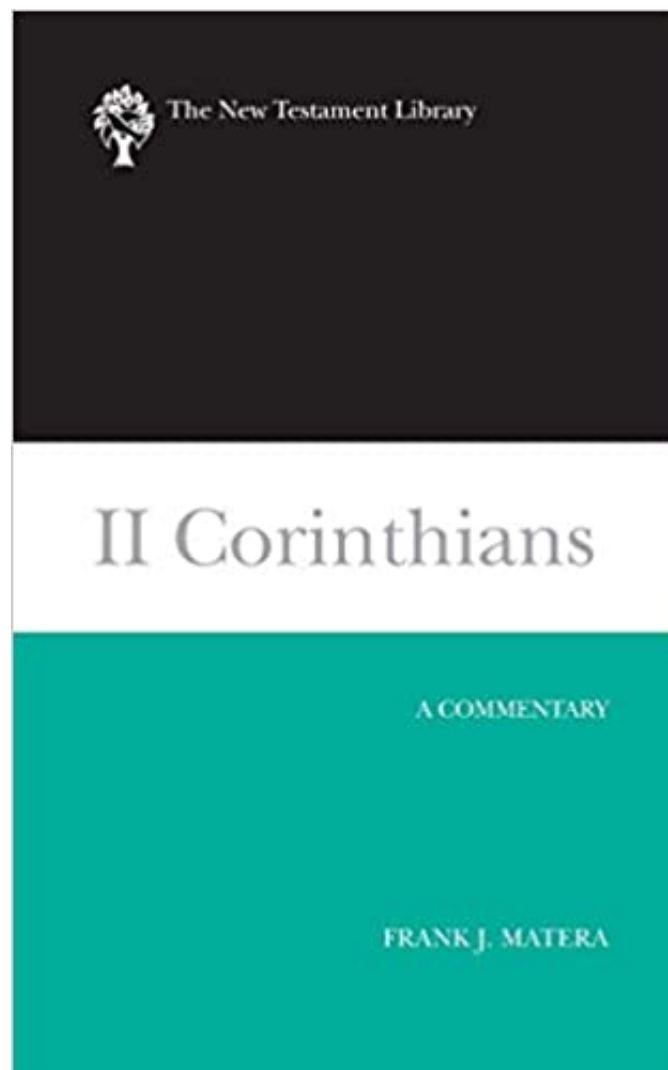


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Jimmy R. Reagan, "Good Exegesis!. Frank Matera, a well-known New Testament scholar, contributes this volume on II Corinthians in the New Testament Library (NTL) series. Though this volume would be labeled critical in its approach, he took a surprising number of positions that you might find in a less critical work. For that reason, I thought this volume one of the better in this series. You will still be made aware of some of the critical outlook that this series usually provides, yet you might appreciate his opinion on the unity of the letter and his exegetical work too. After a bibliography, the author begins the introduction by addressing ministry and conflict in the letter. He labels II Corinthians as "perhaps the most personal and revealing of Paul's letters". He sees it as "an intensely personal writing in which the apostle speaks more extensively and intimately than in any of his other letters". Next, he dives into the argument and structure of the letter. He divides the letter into three parts and explains his reasoning for the division as well as for the subdivisions. He summarizes his position in a list of four things that Paul is defending. His reasoning and the subsequent outline give good food for thought. From there, he tackles the theology of the letter. He sees the theology as rich and it would be hard to disagree with the importance of the six things he lists as the key theology of the letter. In the next section, when he considers the time between I and II Corinthians, he wades into the morass that often entangles the scholarly world. The next few sections of the introduction continue to look at this subject from various angles. Along the way, you get a good overview of where the scholarly world has twisted and turned on this issue. Pleasantly, he argues for the unity of the letter. In the commentary proper, I thought the exegetical work to be some of the best I've seen in this series. There are many good insights to be found. This book could profitably be added to the list of those you consult when studying II Corinthians. I received this book free from the publisher. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255."

sojotneo, "Praiseworthy treatment of II Corinthians!! Frank J. Matera is the Andrews-Kelly-Ryan Professor of Biblical Studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Matera is a past president of the Catholic Biblical Association of America. He received a PhD from Union Theological Seminary and has authored a number of books, including commentaries on Romans (Paideia, 2010) and Galatians (Sacra Pagina, 1992) and New Testament Theology: Exploring Diversity and Unity (2007). II Corinthians: A Commentary is a characteristic example of what the New Testament Library series has to offer in a market saturated with biblical commentaries. Matera begins with an introduction that covers some of the standard introductory matters, including discussion surrounding the structure of 2 Corinthians, its theology, and

relationship to 1 Corinthians. Matera approaches the epistle from a moderately conservative Catholic position, and, interestingly omits a stance on both the authorship and date, while at the same time upholding the epistles integrity as a single document (as opposed to the standard critical consensus). The commentary proper is widely praised for Matera's balanced approach as a Catholic scholar—praise that is even heard from many Protestant outlets. Matera is judicious in his interaction with the text and appears to be well-acquainted the peripheral Pauline issues. Two features deserve mention here. First and foremost, like the other volumes in the NTL series, Lieu provides the reader with an original translation and textual notes. I have stated this before and I will state it again, I have continually found this to be one of the most helpful features of the NTL series, and Matera does not disappoint. Second, the exegetical handling of the text is brief, pointed, and full (327 pp.). Matera demonstrates a keen awareness of the theological issues and seeks to firmly ground them in the text. There is no shortage in sight when it comes to choosing a commentary on 2 Corinthians. That said, *II Corinthians: A Commentary* by Frank J. Matera is one of the better options to explore, especially alongside some of the more established commentaries. While I don't see this volume superseding Harris (2005), Barnett (1997), or Guthrie (2015), it is positioned as one of the better alternatives. It comes highly recommended!"

gemg, "a great new commentary. I am currently in the process of preparing a series of expository messages on 2 Corinthians. I have been very impressed with the volumes in the New Testament Library series of commentaries, especially Matera's on 2 Corinthians. The format does not bury you in details, has helpful summaries at important points in the text and provides you with what is essential to understand the text. I am shocked that no one has yet reviewed this excellent commentary. If I could have given it a 4 1/2 rating that would have been my choice. Along with Garland's excellent commentary this would be my recommendation to the lay person, pastor, or academic seeking help in this most personal of Paul's letters."

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