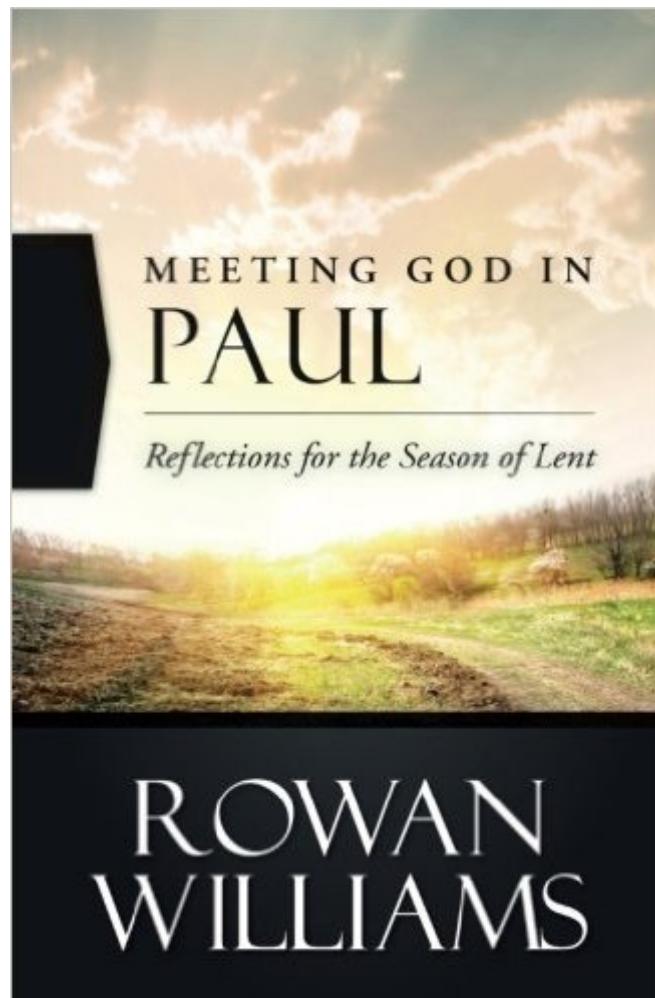


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# Meeting God In Paul: Reflections For The Season Of Lent



## Synopsis

Rowan Williams explores the essential meaning and purpose of Paul's letters in this beautifully written resource for the Lenten season. Williams places a special focus on the social world of Paul and the dangerous newness that was Christianity and the specific ways that the behavior and language of the Christian community was being molded and shaped in Paul's time. Easy-to-read and packed with illuminating spiritual insights, Meeting God in Paul is perfect for beginners as well as those who've read the letters many times before and want to see them in a fresh light. Questions for reflection or group discussion are provided for each chapter. The book also features a reading guide that includes a reflection and prayer for each of the seven weeks of Lent.

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The forty days of Lent started on Feb. 10, and if you have not yet found the special book you would like to read during Lent, here's one: Meeting God in Paul, Reflections for the Season of Lent by Rowan Williams, published by [wjkbooks.com](http://wjkbooks.com). It's a small book just three chapters followed by helpful portions like questions for personal reflection and/or group discussion, a Lenten reading guide with brief Sunday reflections and prayers, and notes and suggestions for further reading. These lectures were given by Williams during a Holy Week at Canterbury. For ten years he served as Archbishop of Canterbury, and now is Master of Magdalene College in Cambridge, U.K. Williams uses portions of Acts, and New Testament stories and parts of Paul's letters to help us learn more about Paul's concerns. He thinks that for many "regular churchgoers Paul's time remains

a closed book," and many of us are not understanding how important Paul and his ideas were in his day. We may have heard of him, and we may have gathered assumptions about him and his teachings. And perhaps we have thought of him as a trouble-maker, as we remember his history and experiences with the early church. Paul was a Roman citizen and a Jew of the tribe of Benjamin. Williams thinks of Paul as "really interesting and exciting," and he has written this book to "Sketch in a bit of the background" to help today's Christian community understand those early years. So chapter 1 is called *Outsiders and insiders: Paul's social world*. In this, Williams brings up the question: did Paul write this? or that? and some might say, "It's a forgery." Williams accepts that "most of the literature under Paul's name, actually does originate from him." Sometimes, perhaps with a helper.

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