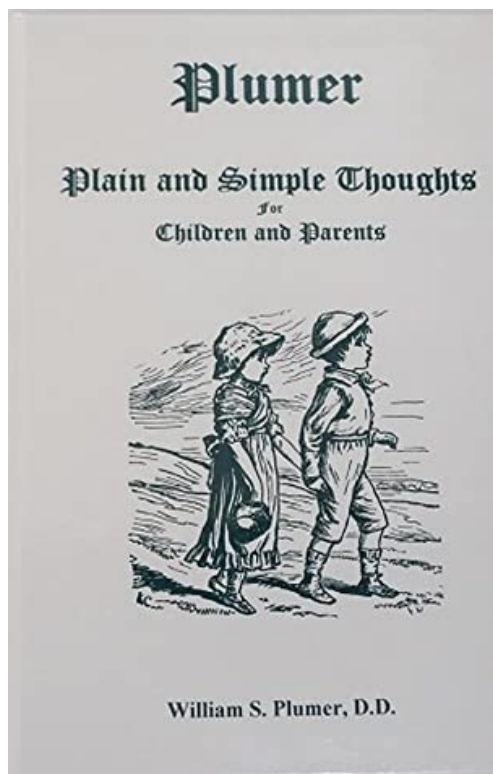


William Swan Plumer (1802-1880) was a preacher, writer, and seminary professor. I first learned of him when I came across his Psalms commentary while preparing for Scripture reading. His commentary was so helpful that I began to search for his other writings. That's when I found *Plain and Simple Thoughts*. Plumer was not only a profound theologian, but he was a shepherd who in Christ-like fashion, welcomed children to hear God's word.



Plain and Simple Thoughts is a two-part work that includes fifteen sermons that Plumer preached to children (part 1) and seventeen short essays that he published for children. The content of these sermons and essays are magnificent. In them, Plumer turns lofty theological thoughts into low hanging fruit for children and adults. No matter what age, every Christian can benefit from what is written here.

— Omri Miles, Pastor/Elder

From "To My Little Friends"

"I wish you health, because without it you cannot grow strong in body or mind, and so be useful in the world. I wish you joy, because it makes me sad to see a child sad. I wish you a new heart, because your old heart is naughty and bad. It will plague you as long as it rules you. It will ruin you, if you do not get rid of it. These are my three wishes about you. When I was a child I once thought that no one cared for my soul, and I wept. I was wrong, for many prayed for me. You may have the same thoughts. But you are wrong. The pious often pray for you. Some have written good books for you. I hope you read them. I send you this book in the hope that it will do you good. We, who are old, will soon be dead, and you must take our places. I pray that you may do, and get more good than we have. It often makes us sad to see that we are not wiser and better. You must pray for yourselves. God can bless you. He alone can save you. Give him your hearts. Hate every false way and all vain thoughts. Look to Jesus. He is the best friend any of us have. He died for us. Love your Bible. Do as it tells you; and when you die, you shall go where good children, good men, good angels, and the good Jesus dwell."

Suggested One-Month Reading Plan (6-7 pages per day)

Week 1: Monday, January 3rd - Sunday, January 9th

SERMONS

- I. There Is A God, 4 pages
- II. God Is Great, 5 pages
- III. The Good Shepherd, 5 pages
- IV. The Fear Of God, 5 pages
- V. Seeking The Lord, 5 pages
- VI. The Study Of The Bible, 5 pages
- VII. The Worth Of The Soul, 4 pages
- VIII. We All Belong To God, 5 pages
- IX. We Are All Sinners, 4 pages

Monday, January 10th - Sunday, January 16th

- X. Why Christ Died, 5 pages
- XI. On Prayer, 5 pages
- XII. On Pleasing God, 5 pages
- XIII. On Honesty, 5 pages
- XIV. Now Is The Time, 4 pages
- XV. The Last Judgment, 4 pages

Week 3: Monday, January 17th - Sunday, January 23rd

PLAIN THOUGHTS

- What a Fool Said, 6 pages
- The Matchless One, 6 pages
- How to Learn Much, 6 pages
- Angels and Men, 6 pages
- Who Rules the World?, 6 pages
- Time and Eternity, 5 pages
- God Will Punish Sin, 5 pages
- Some Strange Things, 5 pages
- Something Still Stranger, 6 pages
- A Pain in the Head, 7 pages
- A Chapter of Sayings, 6 pages

Week 4: Monday, January 24th - Sunday, January 30th

- They Were Both Wrong, 5 pages
- The Ribbon Room, 3 pages
- The Lost Pocket-Book, 3 pages
- Edwin and His Teacher, 8 pages
- Acorns Make Oaks, 3 pages
- Ann Eliza Williams, 17 pages