

FOREWORD

ὁ ἀγαπητὸς ἀδελφὸς καὶ πιστὸς διάκονος καὶ σύνδουλος ἐν κυρίῳ
Col 4:7

The intention to mark the occasion of the eighty-fourth birthday of Dr Allan A. MacRae with a volume of essays was mooted in 1982 at a meeting of the Faculty of Biblical Theological Seminary. At long last we present this Festschrift to our beloved teacher, esteemed colleague and brother in Christ. The honor we give him is long overdue and we are glad that his contributions to the ongoing task of biblical scholarship can be recognised in this humble manner.

One mark of a great Bible teacher is his ability to urge others on to fulfil their various God-given vocations. Dr MacRae's pupils may be found today in the pastorate, in the mission field, in theological faculties, and in "secular" professions as responsible Christian laymen. Their varied interests are reflected in this volume. The views expressed may not command widespread agreement -- each writer is responsible for his own work -- nevertheless we are confident that these essays will consolidate and advance the achievements of biblical scholarship. We thank all the contributors for their labor of love and hope that by the grace of God they will continue to write and grapple with the issues facing Christians today. We know that God will raise up many in these last days to demonstrate clearly and cogently that we have in our hands the inerrant Word of God. Through the work of Dr MacRae, his pupils and a host of many others, may this task be done to the glory of God.

We record our thanks to our publisher, Mr Paul Wong, for his willingness to undertake this project. We also thank all who have made this project possible. It is our hope that there will be something in this book for everyone and that it may enrich the thinking and lives of many Christians.

We wish our distinguished mentor God's richest blessings *in multos annos!*

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