

## Finding Sermons on Biblical Passages

Although there are many sermons in the Andover-Harvard Theological Library collection, tracking down sermons can be challenging. In the HOLLIS catalog, many sermons are cataloged under broad subject headings, such as Sermons—American; as a result, it may be more difficult to locate sermons by topic, whether one is trying to locate sermons on a Biblical passage, sermons of a historical period, sermons on a theme, or sermons by denominational affiliation.

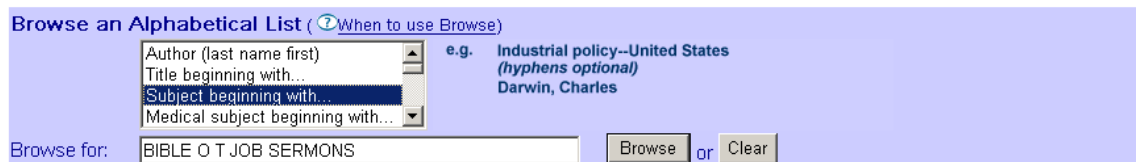
### Some ways to locate sermons on Biblical passages:

#### 1. Look in collections such as:

- *20 centuries of great preaching: an encyclopedia of preaching.*  
Andover-Harv. Theol: Ref. BV4241.F34  
Use the Index of Scriptures on page 214 in the last volume of the series to find sermons on a passage.
- *Ante-Nicene fathers.*  
Andover-Harv. Theol: Ref. BR60.A5 1994  
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Volume 10 includes an Index of Texts (i.e. scriptural passages) for all of the volumes. Use this index to locate texts on your passage. Some of the texts you find may be sermons.
- *Nicene and post-Nicene fathers. Second series.*  
Andover-Harv. Theol: Ref. BR60.A52 1994  
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Each volume has an Index of Texts (i.e. scriptural passages); there is no index that covers all of the volumes in the series. Tables of contents can also be useful in locating sermons.
- *The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers.*  
Andover-Harv. Theol: BS2555.4.P38 2000  
The inside back cover of each volume lists the scriptural passages that sermons in this series are based upon and the volumes in which they can be found.
- Other collections of sermons can be found in the book stacks at call number BV 4241  
Search these collections using indexes of sermons by scriptural passage, if available, to minimize search time.

#### 2. Search the HOLLIS catalog for sermons on a particular book of the Bible or on a particular passage

- To find sermons on a particular book of the Bible, search by selecting **Browse an Alphabetical list** search box in the top portion of the Search screen, and scroll down to **Subject beginning with** and type searches similar in format to this: BIBLE O T JOB SERMONS or BIBLE N T ROMANS SERMONS.



Browse an Alphabetical List ( [When to use Browse](#) )

Author (last name first) e.g. Industrial policy--United States  
Title beginning with... (hyphens optional)  
Subject beginning with... Darwin, Charles  
Medical subject beginning with...

Browse for: BIBLE O T JOB SERMONS [Browse] or [Clear]

- Browse for sermons by book, chapter and verse using subject headings such as:  
BIBLE N T MATTHEW III 8 SERMONS

*Note: Remember to put a space between “O” and “T” and “N” and “T”. Chapters are designated by Roman numerals (e.g., III) and verses are designated by Arabic numbers (e.g., 3).*

### 3. Search the HOLLIS catalog for sermons on a particular passage by a known author

- Use the **Expanded Search** screen and try keyword searches in format similar to these to locate sermons by authors:

Select	Keywords from:	Search for:	Search as:
	Author words	edwards jonathan	<input type="radio"/> words <input checked="" type="radio"/> two-word phrase
and	Anywhere	sermon?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> words <input type="radio"/> two-word phrase
and	Anywhere		<input checked="" type="radio"/> words

*Note: having located books of sermons in the stacks, look for indexes of scriptural passages in the books to minimize search time.*

### 4. If the scriptural passage can be described by theme or genre, it may be possible to track down sermons on the scriptural passage by searching for the theme or genre in HOLLIS

- Use the **Expanded Search** screen

Select	Keywords from:	Search for:	Search as:
	Anywhere	jesus	<input checked="" type="radio"/> words <input type="radio"/> two-word phrase
and	Anywhere	parable?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> words <input type="radio"/> two-word phrase
and	Anywhere	sermon?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> words

### 5. ATLA Religion Index.

<http://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:hul.eresource:religind>

Search for sermons on a Bible passage or book by doing two separate searches and combining them:

- Click the “Index” tab, scroll down to Descriptor, and type Sermons in the search box, find sermons in index, then select and perform search.
- Then again go the “Index” tab, select Scriptural Reference, type scriptural passage in search box, select relevant passages from index and perform search.
- Finally, combine these searches by going to the “Search History” tab, checking off the two searches to be combined, and selecting ‘and’ which then executes the search.

*Note: Results may produce sermons in addition to articles about sermons.* For more information, see *Searching for Articles about Biblical Passages in the Religion Index* at: <http://www.hds.harvard.edu/library/guides/biblesrch3.html>

### 6. Collections of sermons can also be found on the Web. Some are better than others. A few sites to consider include the following:

- Christian Classics Ethereal Library separates out some sermons by such individuals as Augustine, Calvin, Donne, Edwards, Finney, Luther, Whitefield.  
<http://www.ccel.org/index/sermons.html>  
Christian Classics Ethereal Library also includes the Ante Nicene Fathers and the Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers series at <http://www.ccel.org/fathers2/>  
Please note that this material can not be searched by scriptural passage in these web versions. It is, however, possible to locate scriptural passages using the indexes in the printed editions (See discussion of print editions at no.1 above) and look for the text in the web versions.
- Sermons of Martin Luther King Jr. from *A Knock at Midnight: Inspiration from the Great Sermons of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.*  
<http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/publications/sermons/contents.htm>
- The Wabash Center Guide to Internet Resources for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion has links to sites that include sermons in its section on Preaching  
<http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/Internet/preach.htm>

For further assistance, please contact Reference staff in person, by telephone at 617/496-AHTL, or by writing to [reference@hds.harvard.edu](mailto:reference@hds.harvard.edu).

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