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Last's "The Dadly Virtues: Adventures From The Worst Job You'll Ever Love" (Book Review)

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The Cure for Divorce: In the Kingdom of God,

by Michael S. Sayen. St. Paul, MN: Michael S. Sayen, 2015. 59 pp. \$7.00.
ISBN 9780692526387

*Reviewed by John E. Palmer, Assistant Director, Reference and Circulation Librarian,
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Self-published, this book contains some typographical errors (missing part of a reference, missing opening quotation marks) as well as a mistaken use of homonyms (thrown versus throne, “. . . he will always have someone sitting on the thrown” [p. 4]; and brake versus break [p. 48]). He references the North American Mission Board founding president Bob Roccord’s article as a “book” (p. 2), though in his un-alphabetized bibliography it is cited correctly.

Sayen uses biblical quotations in support of his reasoning. He makes an interesting point that Abraham’s wives represent the two covenants in Galatians 4:24, as “one covenant represents the promise through works; the other is the promise through faith” (p. 3). He quotes commentaries and articles in support of his ideas. It is clearly written and understandable.

Sayen covers the Abrahamic and Mosaic covenants, God’s design to have man lead woman, Mosaic and Jewish divorce, as well as what the Gospels, Romans, and Corinthians say about divorce. He finishes with a brief “cure” for divorce. The remedy is to truly live under the Spirit with a new heart and be holy (p. 48). We should not divorce unless married to an unbeliever that is unwilling to stay with us (p. 48). We are also allowed to divorce if there is adultery (p. 49).

While undergraduates would love this book for its slenderness, there are better discussions of this matter elsewhere, such as H. Wayne House’s *Divorce and Remarriage: Four Christian Views* (1990). Sayen’s work is not recommended for purchase.

The Dadly Virtues: Adventures From The Worst Job You’ll Ever Love,

edited by Jonathan V. Last. West Conshohocken, PA: Templeton Press, 2015. 180 pp.
\$20.85. ISBN 9781599474892

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The Dadly Virtues is not your typical how to volume on fatherhood. Jonathan V. Last has masterfully compiled a wide range of viewpoints on topics ranging from manhood and earliest days of a newborn to grand parenting and adult children

returning to the nest. The essays along with the authors (e.g. P.J. O'Rourke, Stephen F. Hayes, Toby Young, Tucker Carlson and more) are varied in format. Warning a few vulgarities might be distasteful to more than a few readers. On the whole, the reader will experience a wide range of emotions while discovering valuable insights gleaned from the experience of others.

This title is recommended as part of parenting collections since it is a nice contrast to all of the manual style handbooks on fatherhood and/or parenting. Some of us, myself included, learn best via well written stories.

Day of Atonement: A Novel of the Maccabean Revolt,

by David A. deSilva. Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel, 2015. 320 pp. \$15.99.

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Jefferson City, TN*

David deSilva's novel covers the Intertestamental period about which many Christians know very little. The main character is Jason, whose brother Honiah is High Priest. Jason prides himself on his place in the political regime of the day. The story follows the Jews throughout the Maccabean revolt, showing how they faced persecution if they refused to compromise their faith.

The author's vast knowledge of this time period is evident throughout the book's pages, making an often-neglected time period come to life for the reader. The characters are developed. While some of the characters are guilty of compromise, the book shows a faithful remnant in the characters of Honiah and Rabbi Eleazar as well as others.

Christians and Jews will both enjoy reading this fictionalized account of the Maccabean period. The book is timely. It shows the danger of becoming too wrapped up in the day's culture. The novel will raise questions in the minds of many Jews and Christians who read it. What happens when Christians and Jews support political candidates with ungodly values? Have Christians and Jews compromised their faith today to be accepted by the culture? Am I willing to risk persecution to remain faithful to God?

David A. deSilva teaches New Testament and Greek at Ashland Theological Seminary and is author of over twenty books, many focusing on the Apocrypha. This is his first venture in the fiction genre. The book is recommended for church libraries and for recreational reading in college and university libraries where religious fiction is an interest.