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African-American Sermon Responses to the

September 11th Tragedy

20 Years Later

Lessons **LEARNED** | Lessons **OVERLOOKED**

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Pivotal Point

The influence of the preacher is still strong
and it flows:

1. Outside the boundaries of the pulpit and
2. **Onto the cultural concerns of the people
in the pews...**

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How can we explore the pulpit's
influence on culture concerns?

Homiletically + Culturally + Digitally

Collectively + Thematically

Many homiletical responses to sociocultural events could be used to demonstrate the power of the pulpit on cultural concerns such as:

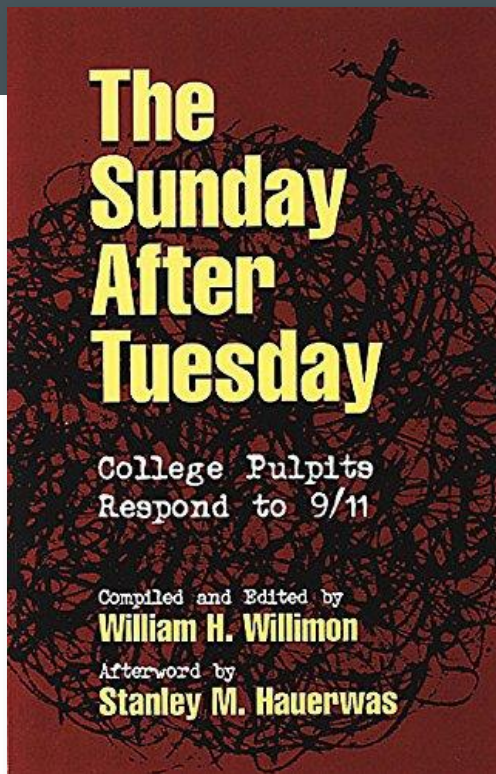
- Mass shootings
- Presidential elections
- COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic.
- Police shootings
- Social protests

Although all of these events are worthwhile research subjects, **sermonic responses to the 9/11 tragedy** is a good place to start for multiple reasons.

Why **9/11 Tragedy** Theme?

- It has historical, national and cultural significance.
- It occurred near the turn of the century.
- It's at a time when digital orality material began to surge.

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African American
Leaders Respond to
an American Tragedy

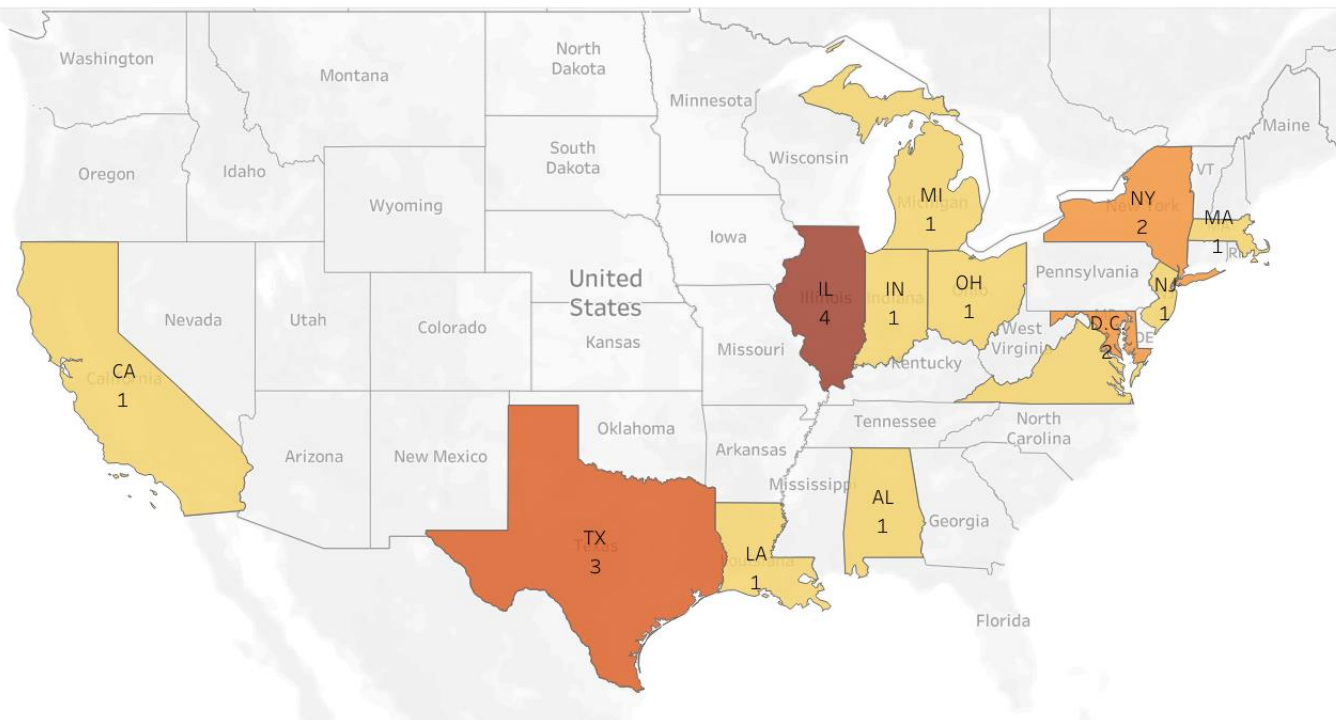
Edited by Martha Simmons
Frank A. Thomas

9/11 Homilies Preserved from 2001

Homilists: Geographic Locations

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Expositors from various states were included in the collection



Homilists: Demographic Information

F. Name	L. Name	State	Message Title	Denomination (Group) Affiliation						
				Baptist	Church of Christ	Disciples of Christ	Evangelical (Bible Church)	Methodist	Muslim	Non-Denominational
Charles	Adams	MI	Meeting God Again, the First Time	■						
Charles	Booth	OH	What's Going On?	■						
Gail	Bowman	LA	After the Cistern		■					
Calvin	Butts	NY	Manage Your Fear	■						
Delores	Carpenter	D.C.	Alert When He Comes			■				
Michael	Dyson	IL	What Have I Left?	■						
Tony	Evans	TX	Attack on America				■			
Louis	Farrakhan	IL	The Nation of Islam Responds to Attacks on America						■	
Cain	Felder	D.C.	An African American Pastoral on Recent Acts of Terrorism in America					■		
Terrance	Ford	TX	It Brought Us to Our Knees	■						
Renee	Franklin	AL	Power to Rise Again					■		
Peter	Gomes	MA	Outer Turmoil, Inner Strength							■
Jesse	Jackson	IL	No Test, No Testimony	■						
T. D.	Jakes	TX	The Gathering of America							■
Vashti	McKenzie	MD	It Is Time to Move Forward					■		
Cecil	Murray	CA	Above the Madness					■		
Gardner	Taylor	NY	Reconciliation: Beyond Retaliation	■						
Frank	Thomas	IN	In Times Like These, Deliver Us from Evil		■					
Walter	Thomas	MD	That's Enough	■						
William	Watley	NJ	Seeking God's Face					■		
Richard	Wills	VA	Annihilation, Retaliation, Reconciliation, and the Pursuit of Justice: An Ethical Re..	■						
Jeremiah	Wright	IL	The Day of Jerusalem's Fall		■					

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Collectively a central theme emerged and was fleshed out into the thesis sentence:

The American people—and particularly its people of faith—are urged to respond to and rely on their faith in God as part of their reflection and contemplation of retaliation in the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy.



(T. Ford Dissertation “Results: Collective Theme”, 109)

NEXT President's Chapel...

Close look at the 'symphonic voices' of the African-American responses to the 9/11 tragedy.



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