

L.A. Mott's "Thinking Through" Series

Many of you are probably familiar with brother Mott's *Thinking Through* series. Over the past few years I have added more of his volumes to my library because I find them to be immensely helpful. Two of his volumes I have found particularly useful lately: his books on **Revelation** and **Job**.

Brother Mott has a good way of 1) saying a lot without writing a lot, and 2) making connections in the text (i.e. connecting ideas to earlier chapters, themes, etc.). Our congregation is reading through the wisdom literature this year, and we are (at the time of writing) nearing the end of Job. His book on Job has been a very useful resource throughout our time reading the text. Brother Mott connects statements made by Job and other characters to earlier statements made, he develops the content of the friends' speeches well, and his section on the character and purpose of Elihu is worth the price of the book alone.

Mott's book on Revelation was enlightening for me. He argued for Revelation's visions as being successively more detailed, each vision being a further elaboration of something already stated in less detail earlier in the book. This was a new approach for me, and I found it compelling.

For little cost (each book is about \$11-12) one can glean from the rich study of a good thinker.