

**The Ebb & Flow of *Lectio Continua* Bible Reading
In the English-Speaking Reformed Churches 1539-2000
and its Recovery Today**

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- I. Biblical & historical background
- II. Development in the Reformed churches
- III. Decline in the Reformed churches
 - 1. Scholasticism
 - 2. Public versus private reading
 - 3. Weekday versus Sunday lections
 - 4. Time constraints
 - 5. Pietism
- IV. Recovery of *lectio continua* today
 - 1. Read accessible passages
 - 2. Read testament not being preached
 - 3. Read suitable length
 - 4. Read slowly, clearly, and with nuance
 - 5. Vary Scripture types (history, poetry, wisdom, etc.)
 - 6. Skip over (with descriptive comments) exceptionally remote or difficult texts
 - 7. Provide *brief* introduction
- V. Statements from Historic Orders
- VI. Examples of Reading Schedules for Morning & Evening