

Preaching

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INTRODUCTION

1. There never has been a time in the history of the world when there was not a need for PREACHING.
 - a. Patriarchal Period:
 - i. Enoch, the seventh from Adam, Prophesied – Jude 14 – 15.
 - ii. Noah was a preacher of righteousness – 2 Pet. 2:5.
 - b. Under the Law of Moses:
 - i. The Prophets were Preachers.
 - ii. John, the forerunner of Christ, was a great Preacher – Matt. 3: 1 – 3.
 1. He was killed by Herod because of his Preaching – Matt. 14: 1 – 12.
 - c. After Jesus was baptized He spent more than three years in Preaching the gospel of the coming Kingdom – Matt. 4:17; Heb. 2 : 1 – 2; Acts 1:3.
 - d. Jesus gave the Great Commission to the Apostles to go into all the world and Preach the gospel – Mk. 15:15 – 16; Matt. 28: 19 – 20.
 - e. Paul said that when Christ ascended on high, He gave gifts to men – one of the gifts was Evangelists, or Preachers, of the gospel – Eph. 4: 8 ,11.
 - f. Paul told Timothy to Preach the Word – 2 Tim. 4:2.
 - g. Paul told Titus to speak the things which become sound doctrine – Tit. 2:1.
2. I believe you can see from this that Preaching is IMPORTANT in God's PLAN for saving man.
3. Paul said, *"It pleased God by the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe"* – I Cor. 1: 21.
4. There is no greater work under heaven than Preaching the gospel of Christ.
5. In these lessons, I want us to study some things the Word of God says about Preaching – and Preachers.

I. **FOR PREACHING TO BE EFFECTIVE IT MUST MEET THE FUNDAMENTAL NEEDS OF MAN!**

- a. ONLY GOSPEL PREACHING – Preaching that is based upon the Gospel and can meet man's needs:
 - i. God knows every spiritual need of man, and that need is met in the gospel – 2 Tim. 4:2; 2 Pet. 1:3.
- b. It must be preached without doubts and theories.
 - i. Peter's Preaching on Pentecost – Acts 2:36.
 - ii. Preaching today needs to be Preaching without doubt; Preaching with assurance:
 1. On the Kingdom
 2. On Baptism
 3. On the Lord's Supper
 4. On Giving
 5. Attendance
 6. Godly Living
 7. Divorce and Remarriage
 8. Hell
 9. The Church

- c. It must be Preaching that brings people FACE to FACE with their sins, and then makes clear the way of salvation.
 - i. Peter on Pentecost – Acts 2: 22- 23, 37,38
 - ii. Paul to Timothy – 2 Tim. 4: 1 – 5
 - iii. There is a lot of Preaching today that would not make anybody face their sins.
 - iv. Preaching that will not disturb men who hold to False Doctrine and live in Sin is NOT GOSPEL PREACHING!
- d. EFFECTIVE Preaching MUST point out to the child of God HOW God expects him to live.
 - i. He is taught there is something which must be denied or forsaken in his life – Tit. 2: 11 -12; Luke 9:23:
 - 1. Ungodliness – One must have and show proper regard for God and His Word.
 - 2. Worldly Lust – One must not desire the forbidden – I John 2: 15 – 17.
 - 3. One must Live Soberly – exercise self-control.
 - 4. One must live Righteously – One who does the will of God in all things.
 - 5. One must live Godly – This is one's duty to God – Worship and Service.
- e. Effective Preaching brings comfort to God's Children:
 - i. I Thess. 4:18
 - ii. 2 Tim. 4: 6 – 8
- f. Preaching that causes people to be Faithful today:
 - i. Must strengthen their Faith.
 - ii. Must cause them to Grow.
 - iii. Must increase their Knowledge.
 - iv. Must cause them to appreciate Spiritual values.
 - v. Must help them to overcome Temptations.
 - vi. Must help them to live Holy and Sacrificial lives.

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Lesson 2

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The word “EVANGELIST” means: Messenger of good; denotes a preacher of the Gospel.

I. WHO SHOULD DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST?

- a. Paul told Timothy to “*do the work of an evangelist*” – 2 Tim. 4:5; Eph. 4: 11 – 12.
- b. What kind of men should publicly bear the light of life to men who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death?
- c. Men of great faith like Paul – 2 Tim. 1: 11 – 12; 2 Cor. 4:13.
 - i. It takes great faith in Christ to have strength to achieve the end sought in Preaching the gospel.
- d. Men who are TRAINED in the Gospel; men who have been with Jesus – Acts 4:23; 2 Tim. 4:2
 - i. A man cannot Preach what he does not know:
 1. 2 Tim. 2:15
 2. 1 Tim. 4:13
 3. Acts 22:14
- e. Men who are Humble:
 - i. Men who put the cause before self – Matt. 6:33.
 1. Paul – Acts 20: 22 – 24
 2. Timothy – Phil. 2:19 – 22
 3. 2 Cor. 4:5; 1 Cor. 3: 6 – 7
- f. Men who are honest:
 - i. Honest in handling God’s Word
 1. 1 Thess. 2: 2 – 4
 2. 2 Cor. 4:2
 3. Acts 20 :26 – 27
 - ii. Honest with men – Rom. 13:8
 - iii. Eph. 4:25 – “*wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor*”.
- g. Men with Loving Hearts – Eph. 4:15
 - i. Men who love God – Matt. 22:37
 - ii. Men who love the church.
 - iii. Men who love Truth – 2 Thess. 2:10; Prov. 23:23
 - iv. Men who love the Lost – Rom. 10:1
- h. Men who do not love money:
 - i. 1 Tim. 6: 6 – 12
 - ii. Acts 20:33
 - iii. A money-lover will seek the highest and most lucrative places to Preach.
 - iv. Men are to live of the gospel – 1 Cor. 9:14.
 - v. We need men who will trust God and the brethren to take care of them.
- i. Men who can bear Persecution – 2 Tim. 2:3; 4:5.
 - i. Jesus – Matt. 5: 10 -12
 - ii. Paul – 2 Tim. 3: 10 -12; 2 Cor. 11: 24 – 28.
- j. Men who take heed HOW they build:

- i. I Cor. 3:10
 - ii. Men who build with the Gospel – 2 Tim. 4:2.
- k. Men who strive to PLEASE God, NOT men – Gal. 1:10; I Thess. 2:4.
 - i. Service of Christ – Rom. 1:1
- l. Men who are ABLE to Teach – 2 Tim. 2:24; Acts 20:20.
- m. Men who have COURAGE – Eph. 6:19:
 - i. Courage to stand against the crowd.
 - ii. Courage to stand ALONE.
 - iii. Courage to stand for the Truth in a hostile environment.
 - iv. Courage to stand against Apostasy – I Tim. 4: 1- 6; 2 Tim. 4:1- 5.
 - v. Courage to stand against the World.
 - vi. Courage to stand against Worldliness in the Church – I John 2: 15 – 17.
 - vii. Courage to stand against Compromise – Gal. 2: 5, 11 -14.
 - viii. Courage to declare the whole counsel of God – Acts 20: 26 – 27.
- n. The Evangelist must be an EXAMPLE:
 - i. I Tim. 4:12; I Tim. 4:16; I Cor. 9:27; I Tim. 3:15
- o. He is to guard the Faith – I Tim. 6: 20; Phil. 1:17; Jude 3

CONCLUSION

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