

Preaching/Study – an Act of Worship

Scripture Text: 1 Timothy 4:13

Preaching/Study has been called by some the “highest form of worship” because this is the act where we lay open God’s Word and learn from it together.

We are to have a great reverence for His written Word.

This morning, we will study the examples of preaching in the New Testament; Why we are to preach and study; and How do we go about doing this?

I. Examples of Preaching in the New Testament

- A. Acts 2: the first Gospel sermon and luckily it is recorded for us!
 - 1. Peter’s sermon is recorded for us.
 - 2. Response: v. 41 – 3,000 were baptized.
 - 3. Good, honest, true Gospel preaching always yields results.
- B. Acts 17:10-11 – Bereans
 - 1. They had an apostle of the Lord, Paul, preaching to them and yet they still studied to make sure what he said matched up.
 - 2. We must do the same thing! Never take what I say, or any other preacher says 100% without checking references. Let me know if I misquote something so it can be corrected – every preacher is human and makes honest mistakes.
 - 3. Bereans commended while those in Thessalonica were not.
- C. Acts 20:7-12 – Troas
 - 1. Paul is on 3rd missionary journey, arrives in Troas from Macedonia.
 - 2. Biblical authority to preach until midnight. Kidding. Honestly, Sunday was not as respected as it is in our culture, so they probably worked all day then met before Sunday ended at sundown.
 - 3. They also broke bread together – taking the Lord’s Supper.

II. Why Do We Preach?

- A. We are commanded to try every spirit – 1 John 4:1 – and one of the ways we can do this is from the pulpit.
 - 1. I have done it/others as well – start a sermon: “Recently, I heard/saw/witnesses someone here/TV/radio teach x, y, z, ...”

2. This is where good, regular, consistent Bible study comes in helpful. How can we try spirits if we don't know God's Word? 2 Timothy 2:15
- B. To know God's Will – John 7:17
1. What a blessing we are not just wandering aimlessly through life.
 2. We can know – contrary to what Gnostics say – and it sets us free, John 8:32.
- C. In order to grow – 2 Peter 3:18
1. Grace – God's Riches at Christ's Expense. We were shown it so we should show it.
 2. Knowledge – only comes by studying. God will not thump you on the head and you all of a sudden know everything.

III. How Do We Preach/Study?

- A. Give exhortation/special attention/care – 1 Timothy 4:13
- B. Give diligence – 2 Timothy 2:15
- C. A regular schedule must be permitted to properly grow.
- D. We have the Words that we will be judged by – John 12:48. Why wouldn't we spend time knowing what we are to do and doing it?

How fitting that we are examining the need for preaching/study in a sermon on the first day of the week.

Let us always hold this act of worship in its rightful place and do our best to be always pleasing to God.

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