

# THE HOLY WORD

## The Importance Of Preaching

- I. Preaching and teaching is the core, the center, the hub, the nucleolus, the heart and focus of the great commission
  - A. God into all the world and do what? Go and preach, go and teach
    1. Mark 16:15-Go into all the world and preach the gospel (Preach-Proclaim, publish, utter openly; Gospel-Good news of His good things; It's the good news, about the good things our good God has done for us in Christ Jesus)
      - a. When you preach people who believe get the help and people who don't believe don't get the help-Rm10
    2. Mt28:18-20-Go ye therefore and teach all nations (Disciple, instruct, learner, a pupil, follow precepts and instructions)
      - a. *MSG-Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life*
      - b. Those who follow the precepts of the good shepherd get the good life-They can't follow what they don't know
    3. We are word-dealers (Minister-To give, to afford, to supply, to dispense)-*Acts 6:4-To the ministry of the Word*
  - B. People have tried to turn the great commission into doing things for people naturally/humanitarian things but that's not the great commission because the greatest need of man is not physical, it's spiritual
    1. Many pretend like the main job of the church is to help people naturally and that greatest thing we can do is help people naturally and so all the focus is on the ministry of natural things (Go into all the world and build, feed clothe)
      - a. In their minds feeding, building, clothing is being Christlike, but the thing Christ did the most of is preach and teach the Word; The thing Christ sent his disciples to do was teach and preach the word
    2. We are to help people naturally – That is one of the main functions of our prosperity, to be a blessing
      - a. Don't oppress/mock the poor (Pr14:31, Pr17:5); Mercy on the poor (Pr14:31); Help the poor (Pr21:13)
      - b. As the Lord directs us we minister to the poor; But giving to the poor naturally is not the great commission
    3. The main thing Jesus did for the poor was give them the Word, not natural things-Mt11:5,Lk4:18,7:22
      - a. 3 mistakes people make when it comes to the poor 1) Not understanding the cause of poverty-Dt15:4, Job36:11; 2) Not understanding the answer for poverty; 3) They try to become another man's source-Ph4:19
      - b. Whatever you do for a person naturally is great, but eventually whatever you did is going to run out and without revelation of the Word of God they're going to be back in the same place shortly
        - 1) That jacket will wear out, that money will run out, and that food will only keep you full for so long and if you don't know how to trust God and look to Him for yourself you're going to end up where you started
    4. No matter what their problem is God is their answer not you (not your money, nor your possession) and the only way God can be their answer is if they get some faith & the only way to get faith is by hearing the Word
      - a. You can help them naturally but what are you going to do when their need is not natural?
  - C. Much of the church values doing things for people naturally more than they value preaching the Word
    1. It's a despising of the Word, a failure to acknowledge the holiness of the Word and the power of the Word; It's an underestimation of the power of preaching Word and an overvaluing of helping people naturally
    2. Naturally things provide temporarily relief, the Word provides a permanent solution-Mt4:4
      - a. It's good to be help to someone in need naturally, but let's understand what it is and what it is not
    3. They being natural, natural things are the only things that are important to them; Unspiritual people see no value in the Word and in ministering the Word
      - a. What does a preacher need an airplane for? Do you know how many people that could have helped?
- II. Satan's subtle ploy is to turn the church into an entity that the main focus is the ministry of natural things (something good); It's an attempt to get us to devalue the Word and not focus on the only thing that can truly help

A. Acts 5:42-6:4-Satan's attitude is give them anything but the Word; He would love us to get so busy doing natural things that we are distracted from preaching and teaching the Word

1. They taught daily in the temple; There are Christians who think teaching believers is not important and everything should be geared towards the lost
2. The priority was the Word of God
  - a. There are widows who were being neglected in the daily ministrations – This is helping people naturally – They basically said that's important, but it's not more important than the Word and the priority is the Word and so we are going to give ourselves to the Word and someone else will take care of that
  - b. What if your spiritual leader said that? Now days if you're the pastor or leader of the church you spend all your time helping people naturally and if you don't then you're probably not even saved
3. The word increased and the number of disciples multiplied and this is the focus and the great commission-Mt28:20

B. Satan hates this word being preached; Believers may not know the importance of it but he does

1. Lk23:5-They are yielding to the enemy and they are upset about the word being taught b/c the enemy is upset
2. How many times in the scripture did you see anybody get upset because Jesus helped a poor person naturally?

C. Satan targets the Word of God (Not your good Samaritan works)

1. Mark 4:14-He comes to steal the Word, not your food, clothes or habitation; Ac5:28-Don't teach in his name; Mt14:4-John was in prison for what he preached; Ac16:21-Paul was in prison for what he taught

D. Unbelief is the hindrance to what God wants to do and the only way to get rid of it is to preach the Word-Mk6:6

III. Preaching and teaching was the main thing Jesus did every where he went and he taught more than he preached – There are over 60 references in the gospels to Jesus teaching and preaching

A. Jesus was a teacher-John 3:2-We know that you are a teacher come from God

1. Matthew 5:2-He opened his mouth, and taught them saying; Matthew 7:29-For he taught them as one having authority; Matthew 21:23-The chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching; Mark 8:31-And he began to teach them; Mark 11:17- And he taught, saying unto them

B. Jesus came to preach-Mk1:38-Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth

1. Lk4:43-I must preach the Kingdom of God to other cities also; Mt4:17-From that time Jesus began to preach; Mk 2:2-And he preached the Word unto them; Lk 4:18-19- The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor

C. Jesus taught everywhere

1. Matthew 9:35-And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom; Luke 8:1-It came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God; Luke 9:6-And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere
2. Jesus taught in the synagogue-Luke 6:6, 4:15, Matthew 4:23; In his hometown-Mt13:54; In their cities, villages, towns-Lk13:22, Mt11:1, Mk6:6; In the temple-Mk12:35,Lk20:1,Jn7:28,Lk21:37; In their streets-Lk13:26; In Capernaum-Jn6:59; In Galilee-Mk1:14,Lk4:44; By the sea-Mk2:13; In a boat-Mk4:1-2,5:3; In the treasury-Jn8:20; Jesus told them to preach upon house tops-Mt10:27

D. Jesus taught and preached all the time-Mt26:55-I say daily with you teaching in the temple

1. He taught all the time-Jn18:20-I ever taught in the synagogue and in the temple; He taught everyday-Luke 19:47,Mk14:49; He taught on the Sabbath-Mk6:2,1:21-22, Lk4:31,13:10; He taught in the day time-Luke 21:37; He taught early in the morning-Jn8:2; In the middle of the feast; He went to the temple and taught-Jn7:14; He taught repeatedly-Mk10:1-The crowds constantly gathered around Him again, and as was His custom He began to teach;

E. Jesus taught everybody

1. Jesus taught His disciples-Mark 9:31-*For he taught his disciples*; Jesus taught the poor-Matthew 11:5-*And the poor have the gospel preached to them*; Jesus taught the religious leaders; Jesus taught the multitudes-Mark 6:34

F. Jesus sent others to teach and preach

1. Matthew 10:7-*And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand*; Mark 3:14-*And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach*; Luke 9:2-*He sent them to preach the kingdom of God*; Luke 9:60-*Let the dead bury the dead: but you go preach the kingdom of God*

IV. Man's greatest need is revelation of the Word of God (It's God, but there's only one way to God-He11:6)

A. Why was this Jesus' approach and mandate? Because the Word is the remedy, the word is the answer

1. God is their answer and the only way to God is through faith and the only way to have faith is through the Word
  - a. The Word gives me faith and faith gives me access to God and God access to me-Rom10:17,5:2,Eph2:8
2. When I get the word and get faith in God He can be to me what He wants to me

B. Mark 6:34-Love for people will move you to give the most precious thing you can give to them which is the Word of God

1. When Jesus saw a crowd of people compassion moved him to teach the Word
2. Jesus taught them a lot of things and he taught them all day

C. Rom10:15-The feet are beautiful b/c they carry the most precious commodity on the earth the holy word of God

1. *VO-Ah how beautiful the feet of those who declare the good news of victory, of peace and liberation*
2. John 12:3-She pours her most precious commodity on the feet that brought the precious words; That's how much the message he brought to her, meant to hear

D. Ph2:15-16-Ministering the Word of God is the main job, task, duty, mission of the church

1. It's revelation of the Word that saves, heals, delivers, transforms, prospers
2. The coat would keep them warm, the food would fill their belly, but the Word would change their life