

LESSON #24 PREACHING

TEXTS: Mark 6:12; Luke 24:47; Acts 20:7; Galatians 1:8

INTRODUCTION:

*“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”
(Romans 10:13-15).*

I. WHY PREACH?

1. Mark 16:15
 - a. What is the Gospel? I Corinthians 15:1-4
 - b. Romans 1:16
2. “Preach the word” (II Timothy 4-2-4).
 - a. John 17:17
 - b. John 8:32

There are thousands of sermons preached each first day of the week. With each sermon there should be a purpose in mind.

II. THE PURPOSE OF PREACHING

1. To discuss and explain the scriptures.
 - a. Acts 7
 - b. Acts 8:35
2. To present Christ as our only hope,
 - a. II Corinthians 4:5
 - b. Acts 8:35
3. To tell men how to be saved.
 - a. Acts 2:37, 38
4. To help Christians grow.
 - a. Acts 2:42

III. NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF PREACHING.

1. Paul spoke "boldly" (Acts 19:8, 9).
2. Paul "disputed" (Acts 17:16,17).
3. Christ "called names" (Matthew 23:13)
4. Christ "stirred them up" (Luke 23:4, 5).

IV. SOME BOLD STATEMENTS MADE IN NEW TESTAMENT PREACHING

1. II John 9-11; II Peter 2:1; II Peter 3:16,17; 1 John 2:4; Acts 7:51; Acts 2:36.

V. REACTIONS TO THE PREACHED WORD.

1. Acts 7:54-60 - stoned Stephen
2. Acts 17:32 – mocked
3. Acts 26:28 - almost
4. Acts 13:44-46 - spoke against
5. Matthew 19:22 - went away
6. Acts 17:11,12 - investigated
7. Acts 24:25 - feared and procrastinated
8. Acts 10:33 - hear all
9. Acts 2:37 - what must we do?

Preachers must give diligence in studying God's Word in order that they can effectively proclaim it (11 Timothy 2:15).

Proof-texts must be used to support their preaching. I Peter 3:15 (show me)

Preachers must always preach the 'truth in love' (Ephesians 4:15).

Preachers must always "contend for the faith" (Jude 3).

CONCLUSION:

Every part of worship is important and you should be an active participant. Bring your Bible. There will often be opportunities to look up the Scriptures being discussed. This is important not only for your own personal profit, but also will influence others.