

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) There has not been a man who has been called into the ministry but what feels inadequate and when others hear that he has been called they think him unworthy.
- b) God chooses people that the world calls “not worth much.”
 - i) 1 Corinthians 1:26
 - ii) God can take a man, cleanse that man, fill that man, put God’s Word in that man and use that man if he will be a man of the Word.
- c) We are going to study three thoughts about the ministry of the Word of God.
- d) What would you do and what should you do if you want to be a minister of the Word of God?
 - i) You do not have to be an ordained minister to be a minister of the Word of God.
 - ii) This is a message for man and woman that names the name of Jesus.

2) RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

- a) You must receive the Word of God personally in your life.
- b) You are literally conceived by the Word of God.
 - i) The Word of God is a seed that comes in to you and produces life.
- c) 1 Peter 1:23
 - i) In order to see Heaven, in order to have spiritual life, you must have a new birth.
 - (1) In order to have a new birth, you must receive the Word of God.
 - (2) There is no possible way that anyone can be saved apart from the Word of God.
 - ii) Psalm 119:130
 - (1) The Word is life.
 - iii) James 1:18
 - (1) We are conceived by the Word.
 - (2) When you are born again, the truth of the Word enters into you and a new life begins.
- d) You are cleansed by the Word of God.
 - i) 1 Peter 1:22
 - (1) The Word of God will wash and cleanse you.
 - (2) It is important to let the Word of God dwell in us richly day by day.
 - (a) Psalm 119:9
 - (i) You have purified your soul by obeying the truth.
 - ii) There is no possible way to live a victorious life without staying in the Word of God.
- e) You are completed by the Word of God.
 - i) 1 Peter 2:2
 - (1) God wants us to be mature.
 - (2) The Word of God is to the spiritual life of a Christian what milk is to a newborn baby.

- (3) If you feel weak in your Christian life, it is because you are not feeding on the Word of God.
- (4) You are made strong by the Word of God.
 - (a) As a newborn Christian, we are to crave the Word of God.

3) RESPECT THE WORD OF GOD

- a) 1 Peter 1:22-23
- b) Respect the inerrancy of the Word of God.
 - i) 1 Peter 1:22 calls the Bible “the Truth.”
 - ii) 1 Peter 1:23 calls the Bible the “Word of God.”
 - iii) If it is the Word of God and God is a God of truth, then it cannot have error in it.
 - (1) A God of truth cannot inspire error.
 - (2) As a product of the Spirit of God, the Word of God is totally infallible because God is infallible.
 - iv) Charles Haden Spurgeon: “The turning point of the battle between those who hold the faith once delivered to the saints and their opponents lies in the true and real inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. If we have in the Word of God no infallible standard of truth, we are at sea without a compass, and no danger from rough weather without can be equal to the loss within.”
 - v) J. Sidlow Baxter: “The biggest division between Christians is no longer between one denomination and another but between those who accept the Bible as the inspired Word of God and those who do not.”
 - vi) Louis Chaffer: “The Bible is not such a book as man would write if he could because it condemns him or could write if he would because it surpasses him.”
- c) Respect the authority of the Word of God.
 - i) Because it is the Word of God.
 - ii) When the Bible speaks, God speaks.
 - iii) The inerrancy of the Word of God leads to the authority of the Word of God.
- d) Respect the vitality of the Word of God.
 - i) 1 Peter 1:23
 - (1) The Word of God is alive.
 - (2) We read other books, the Word of God reads us.
 - (3) The Bible pulsates with life.
 - (a) John 6:63
 - (b) Hebrews 4:12
 - (i) The Word of God is “zoon” or “zoa” which literally means it has life.
 - (ii) The Word of God is “energes” or “energeia” which literally means it has energy.
 - (iii) It is quick and it is powerful and because it is alive it has power.

- (c) Jeremiah 23:29
 - (i) There is power in the Word of God.
 - e) Respect the eternity of the Word of God.
 - i) 1 Peter 1:23
 - (1) The Word of God lives and abides forever.
 - ii) 1 Peter 1:25
 - (1) The Bible cannot fade nor decay.
 - (2) The Bible is timeless truth.
 - (3) The Bible was here before we were born and it will be here long after we are gone.
 - iii) Roman Emperor Diocletian hated the Word of God and ordered all copies be confiscated and burned.
 - (1) He built a monument that said, "The name of Christian is now extinguished."
 - (2) Diocletian is dead; the Word of God is still alive.
 - iv) The Bible is always being attacked.
 - (1) Magazines and newspapers print what they think is wrong with the Bible.
 - (2) Cults twist the Bible.
 - (3) Liberals water down the Bible.
 - (4) Humanists ignore the Bible.
 - (5) So-called Christians do not study the Bible
 - (a) "These hath God married and no man shall part, dust on the Bible and drought in the heart."
 - f) In spite of all this, the Bible goes on endless, timeless, dateless and measureless.
 - i) Psalm 119:89
 - (1) Do not fear the enemies of the Bible; they cannot destroy it.
- 4) RELEASE THE WORD OF GOD
- a) We need to preach the Word of God.
 - b) 1 Peter 1:25
 - i) The Bible will not always be preached from the pulpit.
 - c) We need to release it faithfully.
 - i) The more you study the Bible, the more hidden treasures and beauties you will find; the greater respect for the Bible you will have.
 - ii) The Bible is a well to preach from.
 - d) We need to release it fully.
 - i) Preach the whole counsel of God.
 - (1) Doctrine, practical living, prophesy, praise, etc.
 - (2) Preach a balanced diet from the Word of God.
 - (3) Acts 20:27
 - e) We need to release it freely.
 - i) Give it out; it is like a sowing seed.

- ii) Share it, preach it and proclaim it.
- iii) The early church did not argue about it; they lived it, loved it, stored it in their hearts, poured it out like hot lava and everywhere they went they were scattering precious seed.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- b) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16