

EXPOSITORY PREACHING

"The glory of the Christian pulpit is truly an illustrious glory, breathing the atmosphere of a higher world, and calling men from the sordidness of sin to God. But the glory of the Christian pulpit is a borrowed glory. As the God-imparted radiance that shone upon the face of Moses, when the ancient lawgiver came out from the divine presence, was a reflection of God's glory (Ex. 34:29), so the glory of the Christian pulpit is a reflection of the glory of the Word of God, which is the source of its message and the inspiration of its ministry. The exposition and authoritative declaration of the Word and will of God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures must ever remain the splendor of the Christian pulpit. Where such exposition and authoritative declaration are abandoned, 'Ichabod, the glory is departed' (I Sam. 4:21) must be written over the preacher and over the pulpit from which he preaches."

Merrill F. Unger
Principles of Expository Preaching
Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1973

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**BIBLICAL EXPOSITION
COURSE SYLLABUS**

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TEXTS

Both textbooks for this course are by Dr. Haddon W. Robinson, Professor of Preaching at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (until recently, President of Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary)

BIBLICAL PREACHING. This is a basic textbook on preaching. The class lectures will supplement what is found in this book.

BIBLICAL SERMONS. This book is a companion to Robinson's text. It consists of sample sermons by some of his former students who seek to model his method of preaching. Each sermon is accompanied by an interview with the preacher and an evaluation of the sermon by Dr. Robinson.

ASSIGNMENTS:

PLEASE NOTE THAT

- All assignments must be completed IN ENGLISH and must be typed or computer-printed.
- Assignments should be mailed to this address: Mrs. Edna Perera; 332 S. Virgil Ave.; Los Angeles, California 90020.
- All assignments are to be returned postmarked NO LATER THAN March 1, 1992.
- Please keep a copy of all assignments in case they are lost in mailing.

1. Carefully read the two textbooks. When assignments are returned, include a note which reads: "On my honor, I certify that I have carefully read the two textbooks assigned for this course. Signed...."

2. Determine the subject, complement and Homiletical Idea for each of the following passages of Scripture: Genesis 15:1; Exodus 15:22-26; Joshua 5:13-15; Psalm 126:1-6; Isaiah 1:18; Amos 7:10-17; Ephesians 4:1-3; I Peter 3:7. [If necessary, review chapter 2 of BIBLICAL PREACHING]

3. Write sermon outlines on one Old Testament passage and one New Testament passage selected from the lists given below. Outlines should include (1) the Text, (2) Topic, (3) Homiletical Idea, (4) Sketch of the Introduction, (5) At least two levels of divisions in the outline itself (Note: main divisions should be complete sentences), (6) Transitions, and (7) Sketch of the Conclusion.
[NOTE: a sample outline is attached]

*1) Homiletical idea → N.T.
2) each division → next*

O.T. passages: Genesis 15:1-21 [God's Covenant with Abraham]; Exodus 3:1-4:17 [the call of Moses]; Exodus 19:1-6 [prologue to the Sinai covenant]; Isaiah 6:1-13 [Isaiah's vision of God]

N.T.: Philippians 2:1-11; II Corinthians 4:1-15; II Timothy 2:1-7; James 2:14-26; I John 2:1-11

4. Select an extended portion of Scripture, long enough to serve as the basis for a series of five consecutive expositional sermons (at least two chapters). Determine the limits (chapter and verses) for each preaching portion, and construct a Homiletical Idea for each. *2x. phil 1:*

5. Write out in full an expository sermon based on any one of the five preaching texts from the preceding assignment.

SAMPLE SERMON OUTLINE

Text: Genesis 22:22-32

Topic: Submission to God

Homiletical Idea: God desires our willing submission to Him; but willing or not He always wins out.

OUTLINE:

Introduction: Illustration from the book I WRESTLED WITH GOD, about a missionary who had to lose his wife and two children before he was willing to listen to GOD. The background of the text and Jacob's condition at the time are reviewed.

I. GOD MEETS WITH US IN THE NIGHT OF OUR STRUGGLE (vv. 22-24)

A. God's Desire

B. Our desire

(Transition: The first point is restated, and the text is expanded to the next point, the moment of truth).

II. GOD USES WHATEVER IT TAKES TO BRING US TO THE MOMENT OF TRUTH (v. 25)

A. The Point At Which God Gives Up the Struggle

B. Our Unwillingness To Submit On OUR Own

(Transition: The first two points are restated and the text is expanded to the next point, submission and confession).

III. GOD PURPOSES TO USE THE STRUGGLE TO BRING US TO THE POINT OF SUBMISSION AND RELIANCE ON HIM (vv. 26-27)

A. Coming To the Point of Surrender

B. The Need For a Confession of Who We Really Are

(Transition: The previous three points are restated and the text is expanded to the next point, the blessing God gives.)

IV. GOD DESIRES TO BLESS US OUT OF THE STRUGGLE AND MAKE US A 'PRINCE OF GOD'

A. God Changes Jacob's Name

B. There Are Reminders in OUR Lives of God's Dealings With Us

Conclusion: the Homiletical Idea is restated, along with a summarization of the main points given, and conclusion is made with a challenge to the people to see if we have ever gone through the process of full surrender like Jacob.