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ORACLE - a person of unquestionable knowledge, or something regarded as infallible authority. a divine command or revelation

Preach The Word

II Tim 4:1-8 pg 1267 ~~1270~~

I.) INTRODUCTION

A.) Solemn charge to a young preacher by a older one. II TIM 4:1-2 (READING)

B.) This is not a charge to "lecture" or discuss current topics.

1.) Though under a sentence of death, Paul urges Timothy to "Preach the word."

→ C.) I Pet 4:11 pg 1291 ~~1270~~ speak as the oracles of God.

1.) Give God the credit due Him - for without the grace of God, we would not be here.

D.) In preaching the word, ~~we~~ the early day Christians were persecuted and killed for what they believed.

1.) I Pet 4:16 +19 pg 1291 ~~1270~~

a.) We today may not be threatened with death by our fellow man, but we still may be talked against.

b.) It is our right and "duty" to spread the gospel.

1.) I Pet 4:17-18

II.) WHAT IS THE WORD?

A.) Acts 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

1.) Saul (Paul) raising havook with the church.

B.) Acts 8:5 Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

1.) The word must be about Christ.

WHAT IS THE WORD?

C.) Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the <u>things concerning the kingdom of God</u>, and the <u>name of Jesus Christ</u>, they were baptized, both men and women.

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D.) Acts 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and <u>preached unto him Jesus</u>.

E.) I Pet 1:25 But the <u>word of the Lord endureth for ever</u>. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

III.) FIVE HELPFUL QUESTIONS

A.) Where do we preach?

1.) Matt 28:19 Go ye therefore, and <u>teach all nations</u>, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

2.) Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and <u>unto the uttermost part of the earth</u>.

3.) Acts 20:20 and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have <u>taught you publickly, and from house to house</u>,

B.) When do we preach?

DO WHAT YOU CAN; WHILE YOU CAN - NOT TILL YOU ARE 50-60.

1.) Matt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am <u>with you always</u>, <u>even unto the end of the world</u>. Amen.

when we preach - we must show the scriptures ourselves. →

2.) Lk 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Comfort / Holy Ghost →

3.) John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

a.) John 14:15-17, 26 pg 1140

C.) who shall do the Preaching?

1.) Matt 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

a) mt 28:19 Go -- teach all nations....

2.) ~~I PET 2:21-24 pg 1289~~ ~~Matt 28:19 pg 1000~~

a.) Christ taught by the way he lived,- no guile from his mouth- knew no sin - spoke in parables to help with the understanding of the word.

b.) Obey laws of land

MAT 8:1-4
pg 1020

1.) law for lepers to be examined by priests

3.) II Tim 2:1-7 pg 1265

a.) Commit to faithful men who will teach others. We, today, have to do this.

b.) A good soldier will endure hardness, and will stay faithful. (~~FIGHT~~ RIDE FOR THE BRAND)

D.) What do we preach?

1.) TEXT - Preach the word.

a) The word is ABOUT Christ & of the Kingdom of God.

2.) II Cor 2:1 But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness.

a.) In I Cor. Paul "chewed" them out about the contensions - splits - among themselves.

1.) I Cor 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

WE ARE TO INSTRUCT IN THE WAY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Paul did it out of his love for them because it was his duty.

3.) II John 9-11 pg ~~259~~ 1301

a.) preach the doctrine of Christ, not something man has devised.

E.) Why do we preach?

1.) In all the civilizations we have, they all have some way of teaching their past history.

a.) We have the bible for our history book.

2.) Commanded by the Lord to preach and keep His Commandments. WE ARE

a.) I John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous. We put the burden of His Commandments upon ourselves.

3.) We are told to hear Christ.

a.) Matt 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him.

b.) Heb 1:1-2 pg ~~215~~ 1272 WHEN CHRIST IS SPEAKING - GOD IS SPEAKING.

c.) Heb 2:1-4 pg ~~234~~ 1272 GIVE MORE EARNEST HEED TO WHAT WE HAVE HEARD.

4.) We preach because it produces faith.

a.) Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

b.) Acts 15:7 and when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. We preach so others may hear THE WORD AND BE SAVED.

5.) We preach B to save souls.

a.) Ps 19:7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

b.) Acts 11:14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. WORDS BY WHICH THAT WILL SAVE US.

c.) James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. EXCESS

1.) James 1:22 But be ye doers of the

WORKING FAITH

word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

6.) The Bible is a complete guide for us.

a.) II Tim 3:16-17 all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

b.) ~~Cross~~ II Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given ~~unto~~ to us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue;

1.) When you are examined by a Dr. and he writes out a prescription for you to take to the druggist.

2.) The prescription is a guide for the druggist to go by.

3.) The Bible is our guide to go by.

7.) We preach because it will lead us to heaven.

a.) Acts 20:32 and now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. FOLLOW THE BIBLE'S PERSCRIPTION AND GAIN THAT INHERITENCE OF THE HOME IN HEAVEN.

IV.) Conclusion

A.) Even if people do not ~~want~~ want to hear the word of God, we have to preach it, because we are commanded to. If we want to get to heaven we have to obey God.

1.) all those that confess to be Christians will not be saved.

a.) MT 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

REMEMBER IN JAMES ABOUT A WORKING FAITH.

b.) Heb 5:8-9 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

TAKE THE WORDS OF THE BIBLE AND APPLY THEM TO YOUR LIFE

c.) Prov 22:17 Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

B.) Christ's invitation is always open to us. Come.

1.) Matt 11:28-30 ~~Ps 75 Ps 25~~

COME unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.