

HOW TO REPREPARE AN EXPOSITORY SERMON

1. Definition. Expose the biblical text. From Latin=explain, set forth. Emphasize text. Translate meaning of text so hearer can understand and hopefully respond in obedience. Diff kinds of exp. Messages: verse, paragraph, theme (atonement), topic (HS). Force self to do a portion of text. 1 Thess 1.

2. Read the text. Several translations but mostly in one to be used.

3. Jot down everything about text. No outline yet. Exegete.

v. 1 2nd miss. Macedonian vision. Phil, Thess. Acts 17. 200,000.

Of Thess, not in Thess. Many idols.

Usual grace, peace. But no Paul, servant or apostle..

v. 2. Prayer=proseuchomai, interceding. Cf. 3:10 deomai, begging.

v.3 Without ceasing. =5;17. How can do this? Any diff between work and labor?

v.4. By God with beloved (NAS), or God (KJ). What word to usse for elect, chosen?

v. 5. Power singular. If pl then miracles. Who was assured, Paul or Thess or both?

v. 6. Imitators in affliction. What kind, see where else mentioned ? 2:2, 14-18;3:3, 7. Jail, forbidding to preach to Gentiles; society, uncertainty.

v. 7 examples=types. Locate Mac and Achaia.

v. 8 Echoed word of Lord. They took over from Paul

v. 9 Who are "they"? Name idols. Serve as slaves. Contrast dead and false idols vs. living and true.

v. 10 Wait . compound (expectantly). Son: Jesus (human) raised, delivered. What is wrath. Hell or trib. Rev. 6: 17.

4. Think, meditate, prioritize. Let some themes or ideas surface. Don't run to theme bec you think it is relevant.or meets need you think audience has. Verse 3 stands out-faith,love, hope.

5. Some suggested sermon themes. Using v. 3 and linking v. 5 with work of faith; v. 8 with labor; v. 9-10 hope. V.5 oti. Vv 8, 9 gar. But 3 "for"s OK and good markers in Bible. Put this structure into various themes. Model Xn, v. 3 is text. 3 Tenses of our Salvation, belief, work, hope. Model church. Saved, serving, successful, then conclude with secure in v. 1.

OR just focus on vv 9-10. Elaborate on idols and turning from; serving as slave and Deut 15, hope of rapture.

OR How To Know If You Are Elect. If responded to gospel which comes thru human instrumentality. If working to spread good news. If have good hope for bright future.

Won't have to go thru this every message esp if preaching thru abook.

Written Word must be primary (Bring Bibles)

Spoken word must be accurate and persuasive (Be clear)

Received word hopefully be welcomed and obeyed. (Be praying)

Will they remember what the text said?

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