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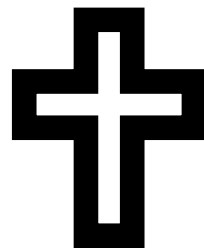
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Homiletics

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INTRODUCTION TO HOMILETICS – LESSON 1

Introduction: In this lesson, the student will be introduced to the basic concepts of Homiletics. The purpose of this course is to present information to help the Bible student in the development of outlines for effective accumulation, organization and dissemination of Scriptural truth.

Lesson Goals:

1. Identify the place and purpose of preaching.
2. Emphasize the importance of preaching as the method God has chosen to expound the truths of the Bible.
3. Define resources which are helpful to the student desirous of developing homiletically correct outlines.
4. Give practical examples of outlining.

Definitions of Important Terms and/or Phrases:

1. Homiletics – The science and art of preparing and delivering a Gospel address.
2. Preaching – Conveying, through speech, God’s Word to men.
3. Sermon – A form of discourse on Scripture truth that is designed to save or edify the hearer. Every sermon should accomplish the following: Interest, Instruct, Convince, Inspire

I. THE PURPOSE OF PREACHING

A. Preaching and the Church

1. The achievements of the Christian church are the achievements of the pulpit
2. With preaching, Christianity either rises or falls.
3. A strong, virile church was never gathered around a weak pulpit. Keep the pulpit strong.

B. Preaching and the Ministry

1. Preaching is the vocation of all those mentioned in Ephesians 4:11. They were all apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers called to preach.
2. The primary business of the preacher is preparing and delivering sermons.
3. A preacher may be skillful in many areas, but if he is weak in the pulpit, he will fail and so will the church.

C. Preaching and the Preacher

1. Few sermons are really “good”. Many preachers are good men, but not first-rate preachers.
2. The church needs a preacher in the pulpit with:
 - a. A Gospel message fully experienced in his heart.
 - b. A Gospel message carefully matured in his brain. Psalms 1:2 – “*in his law doth he meditate*”
3. Public preaching has always been the major role in winning men to Christ.

D. Preaching and its Priority

1. The royalty of the pulpit – Speak like a king on his throne.
2. It is the Sacred Stand.
3. It is the Preeminent Place.
4. It is a Solemn Hour charged with spiritual possibilities and responsibilities.

E. Preaching and the Content – Explain something, like a teacher. Reason something, like a lawyer. Illustrate something, like an artist. Apply something, like a contractor.

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF PREACHING

A. It is commanded in Scripture – “Preach the Word” – II Tim 4:2

B. The Patriarchs preached

1. Noah – I Peter 2:5 4
2. Jonah – Jonah 3:2
3. Jesus – Matthew 4: 17
4. The Lord told His disciples to preach – Mark 3:14
5. The Apostles – Romans 1:15; I Corinthians 1:17, 11 Corinthians 2:12
6. The Apostles provided successors – II Timothy 4:2, 2:2, I Corinthians 1:21

III. MATERIALS WHICH HELP WITH HOMILETICS

A. Study Books on Homiletics

B. Evaluate the Sermons of Others

1. Use the messages of others as a demonstration of how sermons may be preached.

2. Understand your evaluation of their style, content, mannerism is not to be an imitation. Be yourself, but learn from the abilities of others.

C. Read printed sermons

1. Do not neglect a daily intake of new material. Create a plan for personal growth.
2. Examine printed sermons to gain ideas of sermon development. Look for ways of improving thoughts, illustrations, conclusions, etc.

D. Preach homiletically yourself – Study your own sermons and presentation.

E. Acquire the following Basic Materials:

1. 1611 Authorized Version of the Bible
2. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance
3. Thompson Chain Reference
4. Roget's Thesaurus
5. Commentaries on the Bible

F. Employ the Power of the Spirit – With all thy getting, get UNCTION!

IV. PRACTICAL OUTLINES

A. Outline of Hebrews 7:25

1. Step 1 – Look for a theme – The theme of Hebrews 7:25 is Salvation.
2. Step 2 – Look for a description of the theme
 - a. The theme is uttermost salvation.
 - b. Use this description to create a title for a sermon.
3. Step 3 – Create the Title: Saved to the Uttermost
4. Step 4 – Develop the Outline
 - a. Ask questions about the subject – Why, Where, When, How, What
 - b. Many preachers use alliteration to aid with memory while preaching the sermon or teaching.
5. The Outline – “Uttermost Salvation” – “Preaching P’s” is a favorite letter for preachers to use. Here I started with the first “P” “He” is a Person, then I alliterated every point with a “P” for ease of memory.
 - a. Uttermost Salvation is in a Person – “*He*”
 - b. Uttermost Salvation is Present tense – “*is*”
 - c. Uttermost Salvation is Powerful – “*able*”
 - d. Uttermost Salvation has a Purpose – “*to save*”
 - e. Uttermost Salvation has a Provision – “*to the uttermost*”
 - f. Uttermost Salvation has a Proposal – “*that come unto God by him*”
 - g. Uttermost Salvation has a Promise – “*seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*”

B. Additional Outline: When the Holy Ghost Put It on Me – Luke 15:22-23

Many times you can use a letter of one of the words in the text for alliteration. In this case, it was easy use words that began with “R”.

1. The Holy Ghost Put a Robe on Him – vs. 22
2. The Holy Ghost Put a Ring on Him – vs. 22
3. The Holy Ghost Put Restoration on Him – vs. 22
4. The Holy Ghost Put Redemption on Him – vs. 23
5. The Holy Ghost Put Rejoicing on Him – vs. 23

C. Additional Outline: Lazarus – John 11 & 12

1. The Condition of the Sinner – Dead – John 11:14
2. The Conviction of the Sinner – “*take ye away the stone*” – John 11:39
3. The Call of the Sinner – John 11:43 – “*come forth*”
4. The Conversion of the Sinner – John 11:44 – “*he... came forth*”
5. The Conduct of the Saved
 - a. New Attitudes – “*let him go*”
 - b. New Actions – “*seated*”—John 12:2
 - c. New Activities – John 12:9
 - d. New Adversaries – John 12:10