

# ***EXPOSITORY PREACHING!***

***"Is not my word like as a fire? Saith the LORD; and like a hammer . . ." Jeremiah 23:29***

Isaiah 28:16

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## **Bible Institute Series**



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# A WORD ABOUT RAMBLE ON BIKER BIBLE INSTITUTE

The *Ramble On Biker Bible Institute* is a ministry of *Ramble On Biker Church* in Anderson, South Carolina. It began as a vision of the pastor and several of its founding members after much prayer and research. The courses offered through this institute are solidly founded upon the Word of God. As long as individuals are willing to “*study to shew thyself approved unto God . . .*” this ministry will continue.

## I. OUR MISSION

Leading people to reach and teach other people to worship and experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and to share the Gospel message with a lost world, where we are to “shine as lights.” Realizing that the biker community is a unique community, we seek to provide leaders within the local church a better understanding of the challenges within this ministry and provide tools necessary to equip them for success within the ministry to which they have been called

## II. OUR MEANS

This ministry is supported solely by the contributions of God’s people. None of the materials in this course are sold, as we do not believe you can put a price tag on God’s ministry. Each student is also encouraged to give according to their means to support the ongoing efforts of the Institute, but no price is set, as one should give according to their ability and leadership of the Holy Spirit. Though we do not have a set fee for the courses or material, there are cost associated with operating such a ministry. Therefore, we gladly accept all donations designated for this ministry. We encourage all to give only as they would feel lead of the Lord.

## III. OUR METHODS

Our methods of delivery for these courses are twofold:

**A. Classroom setting.** The classes are offered in the local church setting and taught by qualified personnel experienced in the various aspects of ministry. Courses offered through this program are by donation only and open to all who wish to study the Word of God. As the courses are by donation only, students are expected to be faithful to the particular course of study that they have enrolled in.

**B. Hands-on Ministry.** All courses of study are relevant to the ministry and each person enrolled will be expected to use the lessons-learned to enhance the ministry of the local church to which they belong.

# THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF A BIBLICAL (EXPOSITORY) SERMON

## INTRODUCTION

John A. Broadus said in circa 1898, “The great appointed means of spreading the good tidings of salvation through Christ is preaching – words spoken whether to the individual, or to the assembly. And this, nothing can supersede. Printing has become a mighty agency for good and evil; and Christians should employ it, with the utmost diligence and in every possible way, for the spread of the truth. But printing can never take the place of the living Word. When a man who is apt in teaching, whose soul is on fire with the truth which he trusts has saved him and hopes will save others, speaks to his fellow men, face-to-face, eye-to-eye, and electric sympathies flash to and fro between him and his hearers, till they lift each other up, higher and higher, into the intensest thought, and the most impassioned emotion – higher and yet higher, till they are borne as on chariots of fire above the world - there is a power to, to influence character, life, destiny, such as no printed page can ever possess.”

### ***PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF SERMONS***

Nehemiah 8:5-8. Verse 8 instructs us that our preaching must contain **3 ELEMENTS:**

- 1) The **CLEAR READING** of the text;
- 2) The **TRUE MEANING** of the text;
- 3) The **PERSONAL APPLICATION** of the text.  
Titus 1:3; Ecclesiastes 12:9-12; Proverbs 1:23

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## *Types of Biblical Preaching*

1. **BIBLE READING** – take a topic – look-up Scripture – list in some order – comment and illustrate briefly.
2. **TOPICAL** – Have a text – topic comes from the text – main points come from other Scriptures that deal with the topic.
3. **TEXTUAL** – Have a text – topic and main divisions come from this text – develop main - divisions from other Scripture.
4. **EXPOSITORY** – Have a text – topic, main divisions, and all sub-divisions come from the text – other Scripture is used only as it deals with a truth already established in a division – order is sometimes changed.
5. **VERSE-BY-VERSE** – Comments on a passage verse-by-verse – very little structure – everything must be tied to theme (topic) if this is to be valid.
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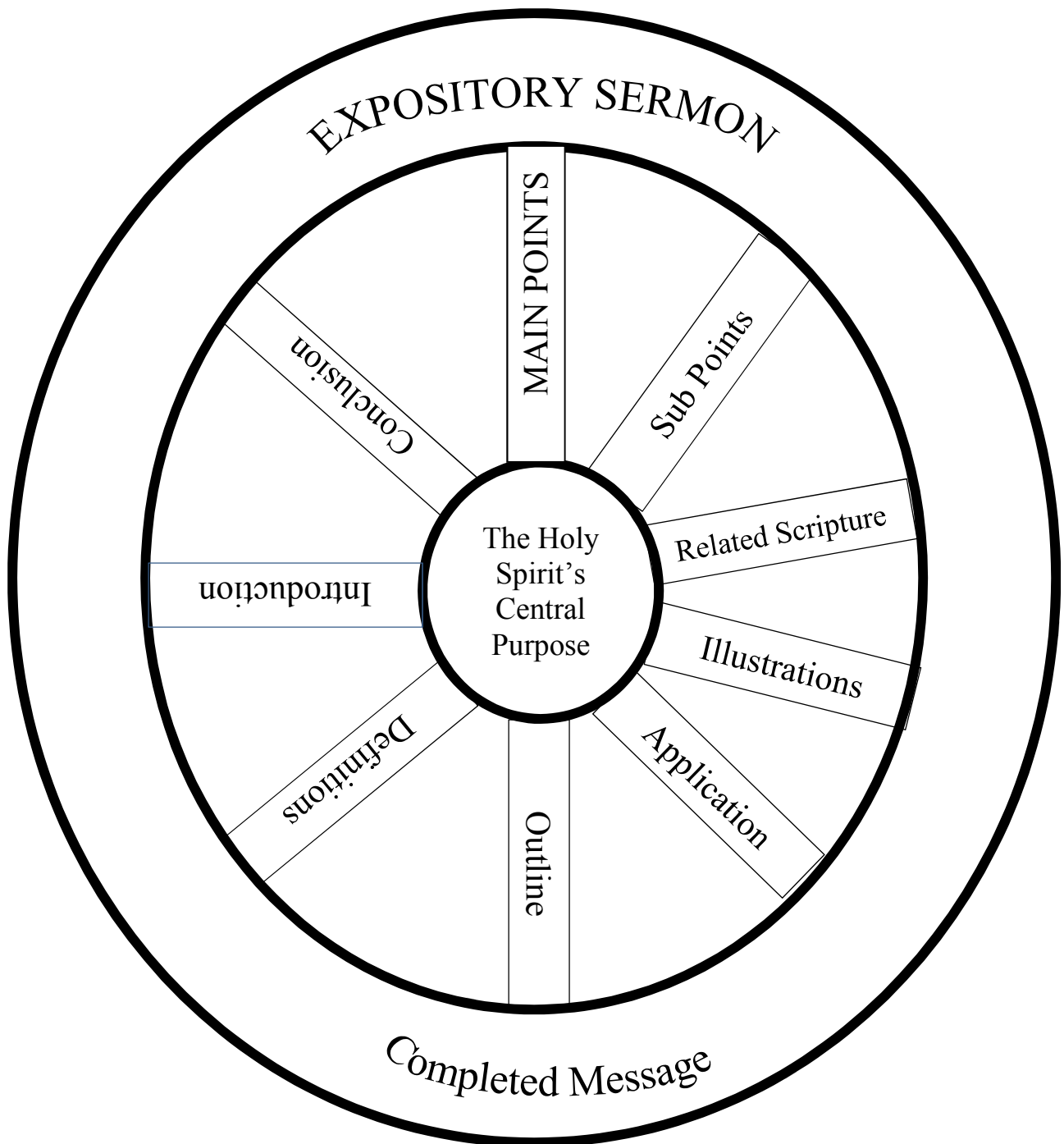
“Preaching is delivering God’s message under the superintending hand of the Holy Spirit as God works through the life-experience, personality, and personal holiness of a man which results in the salvation, edification, sanctification and transformation of the saints.”

Dr. Thomas Ward

**NOTES:**

1. Expository preaching gives us the **AUTHORITY** we need in the pulpit. B.R. Lakin said, "If you don't think the Old Gospel gun works, just pull the trigger."
2. Expository preaching will give you the joy of **PERSONALLY** being **TAUGHT** by the Holy Spirit. The same Holy Spirit that taught R.A. Torrey wants to teach ME!
3. As you study or expository sermons, your own **EXCITEMENT** about being a student of the Word will be **REBORN**.
4. Expository preaching will end the **CONSTANT SEARCH** for sermon material.
5. Expository preaching will cause you to preach on **TRUTHS** you **NEVER** thought of before. Spiritually anointed preaching covers up no truths and avoids no subjects.
6. The **WIDER** range of subject matter found in expository preaching will **BROADEN** and deepen the **SPIRITUAL** life of your church.
7. Expository preaching reaches the **HEART** of man!





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### III. READ YOUR TEXT REPEATEDLY.

1. The preacher needs to allow the text to **INCUBATE** his mind.
2. Begin to **READ** and **MEDITATE** on your text two weeks before sermon preparation.

IV. DECIDE ON THE **BASIC OUTLINE** FOR YOUR TEXT.

1. Be **FLEXIBLE** in your outlining and **WILLING** to change if God leads.
2. Make a **HABIT** of using the personal pronoun **YOU** when outlining.

*EXAMPLE:*

**WRONG** (Heb. 11:4-7)

**RIGHT**

- |                         |                                                                |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Bible faith worships | Bible faith will cause YOU to worship (v.4).                   |
| 2. Bible faith walks    | Bible faith will cause YOU to walk with God (v.5).             |
| 3. Bible faith works    | Bible faith will cause YOU to work for God (v.7). and ORDER in |

3. Complete **SENTENCE** outlining is the best method. It provides **SECURITY** and **ORDER** in your

V. MAKE A HISTORICAL BACKGROUND CHECK OF YOUR TEXT.

1. In what **YEAR** and on what **OCCASION** was my text written?
2. What were the historical **INFLUENCES** that weighed upon the participants in the text?

VI. DEFINE ALL IMPORTANT WORDS  
AND PHRASES IN THE TEXT.

1. It is amazing the truth that can be gained from **WORD STUDIES**.
2. Since most of us are not **GREEK** and **HEBREW** scholars, I would suggest:
  - Strong's Concordance;
  - Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words.
  - Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament
  - The New Englishman's Greek Concordance and Lexicon
  - Word Pictures in the New Testament by Robertson.

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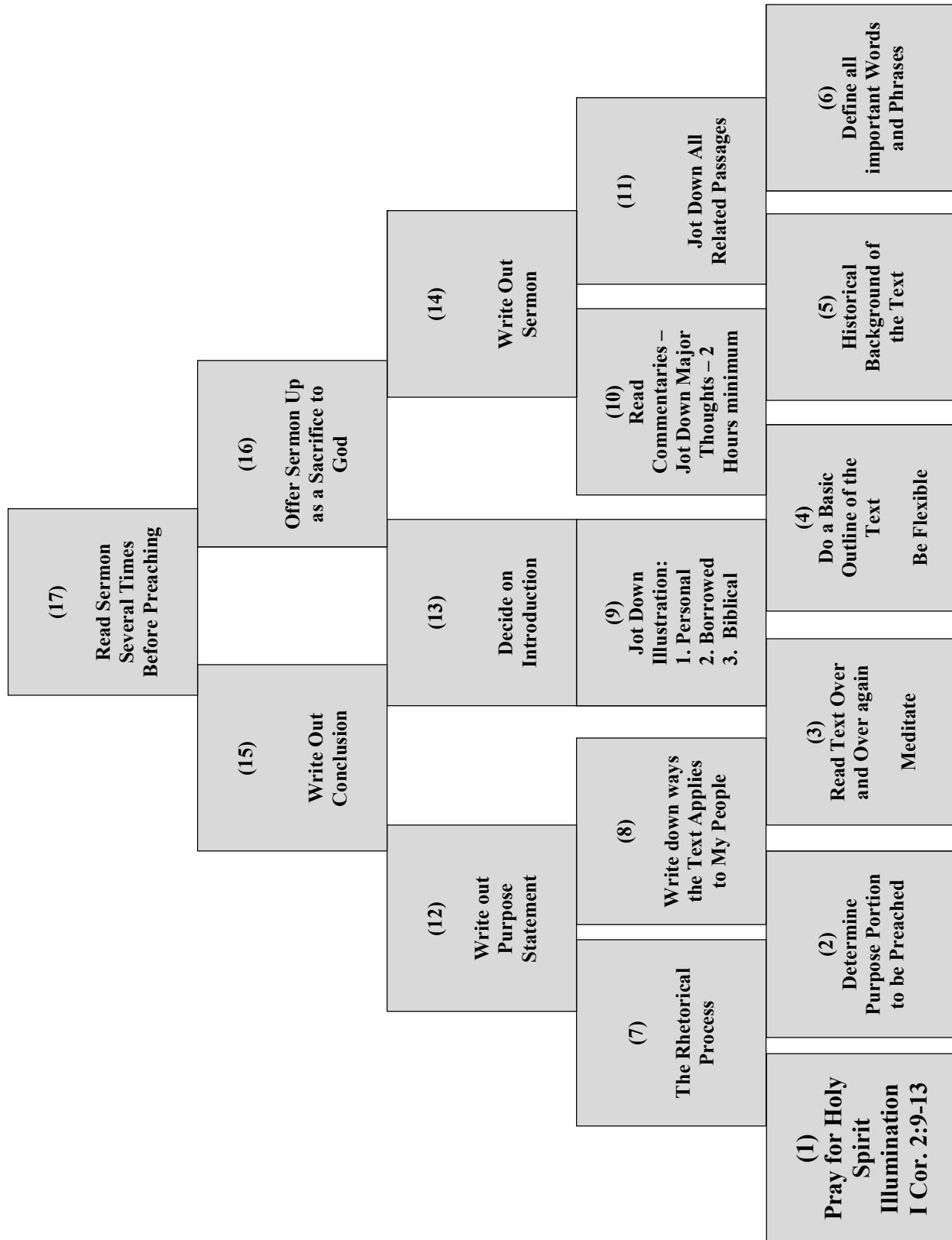
## VII. THE RHETORICAL PROCESS

ANSWERS A SERIES OF QUESTIONS:

1. ***EXPLANATION*** – answers – **What does this mean?**
2. ***ILLUSTRATION*** – answers – **What does this look like? (Jesus was the Master Illustrator)**
3. ***APPLICATION*** – answers – **How does this relate to me? It answers “What do I do with this?”**
4. ***ARGUMENTATION*** – answers – **Why should I do this? And more importantly “How do I do this?”**
5. ***EXHORTATION*** – answers – **What decision must be made because of this? (What do you want them to believe and change)**

VIII. LIST WAYS THE TEXT APPLIES TO MY PEOPLE.

1. This is where you **RELATE** the Bible's **MEANING** to your people's **LIVING**.
2. **APPLICATION** must not be tacked on to the **END** of your sermon. Every point should **CONTAIN** application.



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***If you don't Illustrate –  
You don't communicate!***

4. This should take **TWO HOURS** minimum (George Whitfield read Matthew Henry's Commentary through every single year).





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3. **A BRIEF STORY.**

People love to hear stories about their pastor's past and they especially love funny stories. These show your humanity

XIV. **WRITE** OUT YOUR SERMON.

1. Remember, you want to **PRODUCE** the same **EXCITEMENT** you felt in your study when you preach.
2. To **CREATE** excitement in their hearts, you must have excitement in your **HEART**.
3. Use words and underlining that **TRIGGER** the **ZEAL** and **JOY** you had for your subject in the study.

XV. WRITE OUT YOUR **CONCLUSION**.

1. The HEART of your CONCLUSION

"The world is lost and without hope. We have the answer for their need. You must go. You must die to self. You must make soul-winning your business."

2. The **SUMMARY** Conclusion - Summarize your main points. This helps make clear what you've said and what you want them to do.

XVI. **PRAY** OVER YOUR COMPLETED SERMON AND **OFFER** IT UP TO GOD AS A **SACRIFICE** (Exodus 29:24-26)

XVII. **READ** YOUR SERMON **SEVERAL** TIMES BEFORE PREACHING IT.

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## *OPTIONS IN CONCLUSIONS*

**A restatement of the text**  
**A fitting poem**  
**A story or illustration**  
**A contrasting truth**  
**An answer to objections**  
**A challenge**  
**A rhetorical question**  
**A proverb**  
**A suggestion of ways and means**  
**A parable**  
**An apt quotation**  
**An earnest exhortation**  
**An appeal to the imagination**  
**A prayer**  
**A call for public response**  
**A dare**  
**An appreciation**  
**A promise**  
**A striking statement**  
**A Hymn**

From: *Biblical Preaching for Today's World*, Lloyd M. Perry

## **Recommended Books:**

Charles H. Spurgeon, *To My Students*

Jay E. Adams, *Preaching With Purpose*, (Zondervan, 1982)

Jerry Vines, *A Guide To Effective Sermon Delivery*, (Moody, 1986)

Jerry Vines, *A Guide To Sermon Preparation*, (Moody, 1985)

Jay E. Adams, *Essays on Biblical Preaching*, (Zondervan, 1982)

Haddon W. Robinson, *Biblical Preaching*, (Baker, 1980)

Wayne McDill, *12 Essential Skills for Great Preaching*, (Broadman and Holmann, 1994)

# **FIRE AND HAMMER PREACHING**

## ***The Urgent Need for Biblical Study***

By: Dr. Thomas Ward

*“I would say without any hesitation that the most urgent need in the Christian church today is true preaching; and as it is the greatest and most urgent need in the church, it is obviously the greatest need of the world also.”*

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

For many years in fundamentalism, exegesis and Biblical exposition have only been spoken of in humorous fashion to the great loss of congregations nationwide. It seems every effort has been made by some to relegate the true study of the Word of God to a position of obscurity. As a result, many thinking people have fled our ranks to greener pastures where the clear exposition of God’s Word was served on a regular menu.

We desperately need to get back to Biblical Preaching! Preacher go to their pulpits Sunday after Sunday with lectures or the copied thoughts of other men and wonder why their hearts do not burn within them as did the Apostle Paul’s or George Whitfield. These are not ungodly men. To the contrary, they love God with all their heart and long for the burning of God’s Word to ignite their hearts with passionate proclamation of God’s truth. They know if the preachers heart burns with truth, so will the hearts of the people. Yet the days of smoldering embers continue and the flames spoken of by Jeremiah the prophet manage to evade them incessantly. God said, *“Is not my word like a fire? Saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”* (Jeremiah 23:29). The answer to the problem lies hidden and yet it is visible to all. The fire in the pulpit comes from meeting with the *“burning bush”* in the study. The 30 minute sermon that has life-giving force may take hours of fleshly death in the study, communing with the Revealer of Truth!

We urgently need some “fire and hammer” preaching. The problems our people face each day are too complex in this wicked society for our weak and anemic answers. They must have and deserve to hear God’s solution. We forget that I Timothy 5:17 says, “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.” Preachers are quick to quote this verse on payday without reference to the fact that it speaks of those who “especially . . . labour in the word.” There will be no “fire and hammer” preaching that cleanses lives and breaks up stoney hearts without intense study and prayer. Preachers old and new who are dynamic communicators of God’s Word got that way by walking in the Study with God. I am totally convinced that God is jealous to walk with you in the study and teach you His Word. The blessed Holy Spirit longs to teach men of God. The Lord said in John 14:26, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost . . . shall teach you all things . . .” Spurgeon, R.A. Torrey, C.I. Schofield and many more who were personally taught by God had no monopoly on the Holy Ghost’s teaching. The same sweet Holy Spirit wants to teach us today. Our problem is we would rather walk with a good book of sermons than to traverse the holy steps of Biblical study.

Paul told us that the preaching of the Cross is the power of God (I Corinthians 1:18). Yes, the power that changes lives is still preaching that is ignited by the centrality of the cross. We live in the twentieth century, but real Biblical preaching is still the power of God.

Perhaps Solomon said it best when he said the following:

*“And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth. The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.”* (Ecclesiastes 12:9-12)

What God is saying here through Solomon is this, Systematic study is hard work. Preaching is finding “acceptable” words like a wise master builder that will drive deep into the listener’s being sticking fast and resulting in a changed life. This will only come through systematic study, *“and much study is weariness of the flesh”* (Ecclesiastes 12:12).

However, if we want our preaching to possess the life changing effects of the “fire and hammer,” the time in the study will be worth it all.

Notice Solomon’s summarizing sentiments in Ecclesiastes 12:9-12:

1. Biblical study is seeking out and “setting in order” God’s Word so the people can be taught (verse 9).
2. Biblical study is searching for “acceptable words” (delightful) that will reveal God’s truth to the heart of God’s people (verse 10).
3. Notice that the words for sermon building come from “one shepherd” – that’s God. These words are to be as “goads,” which is a sharp pointed stick used by a shepherd to get the attention of the sheep. The words of our sermons are to be as “nails” driven by a master carpenter, sticking fast in the listeners’ heart and changing their lives for God (verse 11).
4. Study is difficult work and will cause “weariness” to the flesh. But it is worth the effort when our hearts are full of God’s truth in the pulpit (verse 12).

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