

# THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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## PREACHING

### Introduction

1. Even those who have vague idea of what the Bible teaches, know preaching is ordained of God (Titus 1:1-3)
2. Some of the greatest men who have ever lived were proclaimers of God's Word.
  - a. Noah (II Pet. 2:5)
  - b. Solomon (Eccl. 1:1)
  - c. Paul (I Tim. 2:7)
  - d. Jesus (Lk. 4:18-19)

### I. SOME OF THE PURPOSES OF PREACHING

- A. Save the lost (Mk. 16:15-16; Rom, 1:10-17)
- B. Edify the saved (Matt. 28:18-20; Ax. 20:32)

### II. KINDS OF PREACHING NEEDED

- A. *Pointed and direct*, or eye-opening (Ax 2:36-38). Cannot expect to convict sinners by a "tread-easy," "go-lightly" type of preaching.
- B. *Adapted preaching*. Some examples:
  1. John the Baptist (Matt. 14:1-12)
  2. Stephen (Ax. 7:54-60)
  3. Paul (Ax. 24:25)

*Note:* Men who know that certain things should be preached, but refuse to do so, are "men-pleasers" and "time-servers."

C. *Distinctive preaching*. Preaching that is not distinctive is not gospel preaching. This requires both *negative* and *positive* preaching.

1. Matt. 6:1-18;
2. Tim. 4:1-4

D. *Applied Preaching*. Preach that which can be applied, not some glittering generalities. Present the principles of the New Testament in such a way as to make them applicable to the needs of the audience.

1. 2 Tim. 2:17-18—Paul names and identifies false teachers.
2. Those who wish to tickle itching ears instead of pleasing God, will not seek to apply their teaching (Gal. 1:10)

**III. KINDS OF PREACHEERS NEEDED.** We often do not have the right kind of preaching

- because we do not have the right kind of preachers.
- A. *Like David*—must love truth and hate evil (Psa. 119:97, 104)
  - B. Right kind of preachers today will:
    1. Preach *full* gospel (Rom. 15:19; Ax 20:20-27)
    2. Respect the *silence* of the Scriptures (Deut. 29:29; Matt. 28:20)
    3. Preach *like the apostles* (Ax 4:20; 2 Cor. 4:13, i.e., with conviction). 2:16)
  - C. Someone aptly stated: "A man who will not preach his convictions either is not a man or has no convictions to preach."

### IV. RESULTS OF PREACHING

A. Those with "good and honest hearts" will hear and obey; others will not see (2 Cor 2:16)

**Conclusion:** May God help us to faithfully preach his word.

by John Iverson

## “When Will These Things Be?”

In Mark 13:1-30, many prophecies were made by Jesus that folks today claim have yet to be fulfilled. Such things as the “abomination of desolation” (Mk. 13:14), the false Christs and prophets (Mk. 13:21-22), and many other things are spoken of throughout this chapter. Was Jesus speaking of events yet to occur 2000+ years in the future, or have these things been fulfilled?

In Mark 13:2, Jesus said, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.” Upon hearing this, Peter, Andrew, James, and John asked Him, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled?” Jesus detailed what would happen in their future but concluded all this in verse 30. He told them, “Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.” The words of these prophecies have been fulfilled. History reveals that they were fulfilled at the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

Jesus continues from there (Mk. 12:31-37). Now that He’s spoken of what was to come in their days, He proceeds to talk about the end of the

world. He begins by saying, “Heaven and earth pass away, but My words will not pass away” (Mk. 13:31). Previously, Christ had spoken of many signs that should alert them to the destruction of Jerusalem. Now He says, “But of that day and hour, no one knows....” He’s speaking of when Heaven and Earth shall pass away or when the destruction of the world will come. In this, He warns the disciples to be alert (v. 37).

This is a warning we should heed as well. The destruction of the world has not yet come. We still await it. Unlike with the destruction of Jerusalem, there will be no signs. Are you ready for that day?

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#### **Schedule of Services**

Sunday Bible Study ..... 9:30  
a.m. Sunday Morning Worship .....  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship  
..... 4:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study  
..... 7:00 p.m.