

Preaching And Teaching II

Types of Preaching



It's important in your life to abide in the Lord.

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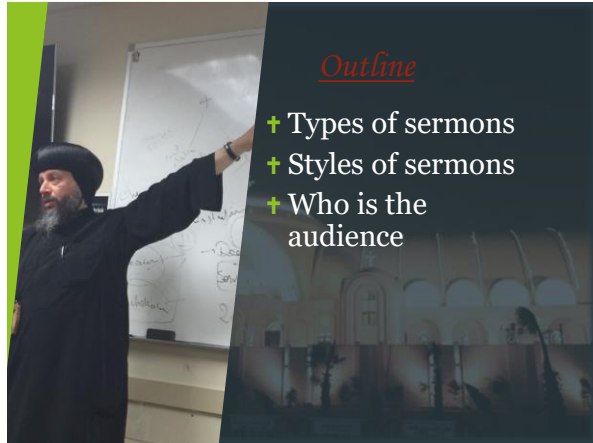
Preaching and Teaching I

- † What is preaching?
 - † Grounding, influential, discipleship
- † What is NOT preaching?
 - † Display of Information, expression of self
- † What is the goal of preaching?
 - † Affecting people, to lead them to: repentance, knowledge of God, spiritual life
- † What is the importance of preaching?
 - † Persuasion: Biblical, Logical
- † When to preach?
 - † All the time: *in season and out of season*

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Outline

- † Types of sermons
- † Styles of sermons
- † Who is the audience



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Types of Sermons

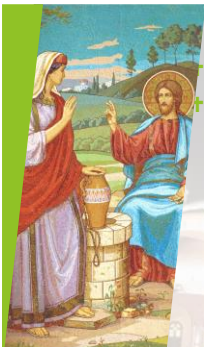
General: Liturgy, Sunday School, General Meetings
 Special: Youth, Married, Ladies, Men, Funerals -
 Requires special style, content



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Liturgy Sermons

- † Related to the liturgy readings
- † Sunday readings are the same every year
 - † *"Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old." (Matt 13:52)*
- † Can deliver "new" out of "old":
 - † Samaritan Woman: Repentance, Worship, Faithfulness, Honesty, Service, ...



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Time-boxed Sermons

- † Liturgy, Sunday School: limited time
 - † Not too long, not too short
 - † Special liturgies: late liturgies (great fast), early liturgies (workers), special occasions (last Friday of Great Fast)
- † Read the audience
 - † tired, anxious, bored, attentive, ...



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Broad Spectrum of Audience

- † Young, old, uneducated, scholars, highly interested, highly bored, ...
 - † Example: Hymn classes vs hymn lessons
- † Must cater to all:
 - † Simplify the material
 - † Can't teach deep topic unless it is simplified.
 - † Receive a question in dogma
 - † Simplify answer in 3-4 mins:
 - † Someone not at level, will disconnect for 3-4 mins, not for 30 mins.
- † Funerals: wide spectrum, including non-believers.
 - † Best to avoid/limit exaltations
 - † Focus on more beneficial topics: Heaven, Eternity, Resurrection, Vanity of the world, ...



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Explanatory Sermons

- † Bible Study: Take each verse and explain it.
 - † St. John Chrysostom, St. Augustine
 - † Explain the meaning of the story
 - † Apply the spiritual lessons we learn from the story
- † Story of Tobit
 - † Beautiful story, what did we learn?
 - † Tobit is Jesus – He is the savior, He hears the cries of his children (Sara), saves them from the enemy (Satan) through marriage (communion), heals the sick (his father), repays the debt...
- † The Tabernacle
 - † If focus on the measurements, material, construction, ... What do the listeners benefit?
 - † What are the spiritual meanings?
 - † Where God meets with man (church);
 - † Symbol of: Christ's Body, Theotokos, Heaven



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Distinctive Sermons

- † Deep topics not in a general sermons:
 - † Biblical:
 - † Tabernacle, Old Testament sacrifices
 - † Theological:
 - † The Nature of Christ, Theosis, ...
 - † Historical (Councils), Rites, Patrology, ...
 - † Special sermons: Servants' meeting, Seminary.
- † Sensitive topics:
 - † Marital relationships, homosexuality
 - † Youth meetings, Married couples, Men's ...



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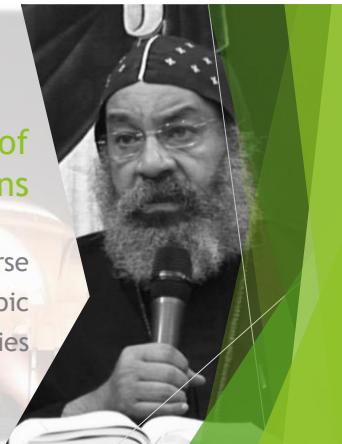
Deep Topics in General Sermons

- † Can introduce a simple small aspect as a "side note"
- † Words of the Lord on the Cross
 - † *"Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."* (Lk 23:43)
 - † His Spirit will not linger for 3 days (proof of resurrection)
 - † Paradise, not Kingdom... differentiate

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Styles of Sermons

By verse
By Topic
By Series



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Preaching by Verse

- † Single Verse
 - † Explain a verse
 - † *"And He said to him, Follow Me. So he arose and followed Him."* (Matt 9:9)
- † Single Passage, not chapter
 - † Ten Virgins.
- † Single Parable
 - † Prodigal son
- † Single Story
 - † Jonah



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Preaching by Topic

- + It must be focused!
 - † Love - all the verses about love
- + Repentance - huge topic
 - † Take one single aspect of the topic: signs of repentance, difficulty of repentance
- + Sins of the tongue – too broad
 - † Choose one aspect: Lying, Yelling/Anger
- + One small aspect of the topic, and shine enough light on it, so that the listener can benefit.
- + Don't pick such a small topic that you must keep "harping on" until people are bored.



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Preaching by Series



Related topics,
addressed one
by one

Beatitudes, Gifts of
the Holy Spirit,
Heroes of Faith,
Theology:
Salvation, the
Cross, the Trinity...



Time-limited
- should have
an "end"

"We'll finish at the
second coming!"
"sins" would take a
year to cover!
Sins of the tongue,
sins of mind, sins of
senses...
More focused,
shorter.

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Clear Goal

- + "Elijah and the prophets of Baal" is not a goal! → It's a title
 - † Goal: "Understand what faltering is, and how to overcome it."
- + Goal must be supported by verses:
 - † *"How long will you falter between two opinions?
If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." (1 Ki 18:21)*
- + Goal augmented by Sayings of the Fathers, stories from the Bible, stories from Church History.
- + Supported by stories – people like stories, and remember them...
 - † "I like the story of the duck"
- + Add: Dogma, Rites, Patrology – as short complimentary items.
- + Outline of the sermon can't contain more than 3 main points.
 - † No one will remember more than that!
- + "We will divide this topic into 30 points!"

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Who is the Audience?

- + Topic and delivery must fit the audience:
 - † Children – stories, animals, crafts
 - † Teenagers – topics to answer their many questions and confusions
 - † Youth – applicable topics
 - † Seminarians – deeper topics
 - † Simple people (uneducated, farmers, blue-collar workers) – simple, no philosophy

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Types of Preaching

- + What are the two types of sermons?
 - † General, special
- + What are some special types of sermons?
 - † Deep topics, sensitive topics
- + What are the three styles of sermons?
 - † By verse, By Topic, By Series
- + What's the importance of knowing the audience?
 - † Must cater to the audience in content and style
- + What must a preacher do to enhance the gift of preaching?
 - † Continue to learn

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Preaching is a Gift

- + Everyone can learn, but the Holy Spirit grants different gifts:
 - † *"Are all teachers?" (1Cor 12:29)*
- + The gift is related to learning
 - † Can be enhanced or degraded
- + Must continue to learn:
 - † Reading, studying, preparing, listening.
- + Can't give what you don't have
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