



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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What Kind of Sermon Did You Preach Last Sunday?

The faithful preacher of the Gospel is never universally popular. While some will love him for his faithfulness, great numbers will hate him for his unwillingness to compromise.

People often believe that a good sermon should make everyone feel comfortable and at ease.

On the contrary, a really good Bible sermon disturbs, irritates, awakens and causes dissatisfaction and unrest. Before anyone can find comfort in Christ, he must first be made to feel his failures and shortcomings.

There are three steps in the process of conviction: first, the sinner becomes mad; then he becomes sad; and finally he becomes glad when he confesses his sin and turns to Christ.

What kind of a sermon did your preacher give you last Sunday? Was it one that made you feel satisfied with yourself? If it did, you had better hear someone else next Sunday. But if the sermon awakened in you a consciousness of your unworthiness, then thank God for him.

A PERFECT DAY: You have not lived a perfect day, even though you have earned your money, unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you.

— Ruth Smeltzer

In Days Gone By

On Aug. 19, 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

On Aug. 20, 1866, the Civil War ended.

On Aug. 21, 1858, the famous Lincoln-Douglas debate took place.

The Devil—a Deceiver

Somebody got into a store and for a prank changed the price tags around. Imagine seeing a vacuum cleaner for 98¢, a lawn mower for 39¢, a screwdriver for \$89.95, and a dozen clothespins for just \$199.95.

Satan has gotten into the world and changed the price tags. Material things have skyrocketed in value in the estimation of many, while spiritual values have hit the depression bottom.

DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES IN THE BIBLE

1. The Adam Family. With all that blaming in Eden, it's no wonder Cain turned out bitter against his brother.
2. The Noah Family. They started out well enough, but after the flood there's this odd story about Ham seeing his father naked.
3. The Abraham Family. First Abraham pretends Sarah is his sister, then Sarah lets Abe father a child by Hagar, but then she kicks Hagar out. And that whole near-sacrifice thing has to leave emotional scars on Isaac.
4. The Lot Family. Greed makes him move to the big city. Bad move. At one point Lot offers his daughters to rapists. Later there's incest, and Lot's wife gets a-salted. Not a pleasant situation.
5. The Isaac Family. Isaac favors Esau, but Rebekah loves Jacob. Mom and mama's boy plot to deceive Dad. Jacob has to run away.
6. The Jacob Family. Four different mothers. Thirteen kids. Dad showing favoritism to one. Enough said.
7. The Moses Family. Aaron and Miriam get jealous, but there are also stormy times with Zipporah, Moses' wife. She never got into being Israel's first lady.
8. The Eli Family. Dad turns a blind eye as his sons rip off the people.
9. The David Family. Adultery was just the beginning. More sex and violence occur among David's kids, culminating in Absalom's open rebellion.
10. The Job family. Anytime your spouse tells you to "curse God and die," you know you're in trouble.

Signs at the Times

If Alcoholism Is a Disease

- If it is a disease:
- It is the only disease by an act of the will.
- It is the only disease that requires a license to propagate it.
- It is the only disease that is bottled and sold.
- It is the only disease that requires an outlet to spread it.
- It is the only disease that is habit-forming.
- It is the only disease socially gained.
- It is the only disease that is advertised.
- It is the only disease without germ or viral cause; and there is no human, corrective medicine.
- No, it is not a disease; drinking is self-inflicted.
- Alcohol contributes more to carnage, divorces, broken homes, and shattered hearts and creates more orphans and half-orphans than any other continuing force among men.

Every day remember that you have a God to glorify, a Saviour to imitate, virtue to acquire, eternity to meditate upon, temptation to resist, the world to guard against, and perhaps death to meet.

GOD'S BIBLICAL PRESCRIPTION FOR FAITH PROMISE GIVING

1. The Plan of faith promise missions
I Corinthians 16:1-3
2. The Power of faith promise missions
II Corinthians 8:1-6
3. The Passion for faith promise missions
II Corinthians 8:7-8
4. The Prince of faith promise missions
II Corinthians 8:9 - JESUS IS WORTHY!
5. The Performance of faith promise missions
II Corinthians 8:10-14
6. The Promise of faith promise missions
II Corinthians 8:15; Psalms 76:11
7. The Principles of faith promise missions
II Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 6:6-10

NEEDED: HOLY BOLDNESS

THE pioneer evangelist Peter Cartwright spent 70 years in the work of the Lord and always preached the Word of God without fear or favor. One Sunday he was asked to speak at a Methodist church in the southern part of the United States. During a song before the message the local pastor whispered to him that the renowned Andrew Jackson had just entered the sanctuary. He cautioned Brother Cartwright to be very careful of what he said lest he offend their famous guest. The evangelist, however, knowing that "the fear of man bringeth a snare" (Prov. 29:25), was determined not to compromise the truth. He also knew that great leaders need the Lord as much as anyone, so he boldly proclaimed the Gospel. In fact, halfway through his sermon he said, "I understand that Andrew Jackson is among those present in the congregation today. If he does not repent of his sins and accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, he will be just as lost as anyone else who has never asked God for His forgiveness." Instead of becoming angry, the illustrious visitor admired the preacher for his holy boldness. He listened with keen interest to the message and felt such deep conviction that after the service Cartwright was able to lead him to the Lord. From that moment on, the two became the best of friends.

Miscellaneous.

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60 YEARS AS A BAPTIST PREACHER

On July 12, 1955, just four months out of the U.S. Army and serving with the Occupation Forces in Germany, I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. That was, and still remains, the biggest change that has ever taken place in my life! I became a totally different person from the inside to the outside. It is called being "born again" into the family of God.

I began serving the Lord in many areas of my local church, such as usher, song leader, deacon, Sunday school teacher, youth leader, etc. After almost 3 years God began dealing with my heart about preaching. In spite of my own misgivings, hesitation and a feeling of inadequacy, I finally answered God's call to preach His Word and do the best I could. This all happened in August, 1958.

I immediately began studies through the Indiana Baptist College in Indianapolis. It has been a long, long road, but during this month of August, 2018, I am observing my 60th year in the ministry as a Baptist preacher.

God stamped deep on my heart the desire to be a pastor, and that's exactly how He has led. In February, 1960, I became the pastor of First Baptist Church in Spiceland, Indiana and served there for 11½ years. I certainly learned a lot of new things as a pastor for the first time. My second pastorate was with Immanuel Baptist Church in New Castle, Indiana where I served for 10½ years. My 3rd and final pastorate was the Liberty Baptist Church in Dunreith, Indiana, a new church that I started, built and pastored for over 18 years. This was one of my happiest and best ministries. My total time in pastoring was a little over 40 years.

I retired from the active pastorate in 2000, and one of my sons, Pastor Tim Dice, assumed the pastorate of Liberty. I continued serving with him as Pastor Emeritus for a few years. In April, 2004, I came to Pittsfield, Illinois to serve as an assistant pastor with another son, Pastor Gary Dice, at Grace Baptist Church. At this writing I have been serving here for 14 years.

At age 85 I still have a fairly good measure of health and am still able to preach, teach, publish the "Liberty" paper, keep track of and report on our large missions ministry, plus other duties as well. My wife Sharon and I have truly enjoyed our work for the Lord and His leading in our lives. We have many, many precious memories. We plan to continue keeping on as long as the Lord gives us the health and ability. Thank you for your prayers and friendship. God is good, all the time!



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