

Sermon Title: The Exposition of Scripture, Part 2

Sermon Text: Nehemiah 8:2-8

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to an understanding of the goals of Expository Preaching.

Sermon Proposition: There are 5 goals of expository preaching.

Introduction:

- I. The Scriptures are the focal point of reference in Expository Preaching. V.2**
 - II. The Scriptures are to be read in Expository Preaching. V.3**
 - III. The Scriptures rise above human needs in Expository Preaching. V.4-5**
 - IV. God is blessed through Expository Preaching. V.6**
 - V. The exaltation of God, the response of the people, and the explanation of the Scriptures are the goal of Expository Preaching. Vv.7-8**
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- I. The Scriptures are the focal point of reference in Expository Preaching. V.2**
 - A. Men and women are to be exposed to Exposition of the Scriptures.
The assembly was roughly 42,360 people, 7,337 male and female servants, 245 men and women singers.
 - B. All who can understand are to be exposed to the exposition of the Scriptures. V.2a
 - C. On the 1st day of the seventh month the people were exposed to the Exposition of the Scriptures. V.2b
 - II. The Scriptures are to be read in Expository Preaching. V.3**
 - A. The Scriptures are to be read before the people. V.3a
 - B. The people are to be attentive to the reading of the Scriptures. V.3b
Here is the general summary of the event of reading and explaining the Scriptures from daybreak to noon, a period of 6 hours. (Sermon on the Mount) Parable of the Sower Matthew 13
 - III. The Scriptures rise above human needs in Expository Preaching. V.4-5**
 - A. The Scriptures are the center for gathering of the people as well as raised above the opinion of the people. V.4a
 - B. The leaders demonstrate their support of the Scriptures. V.4b
 - C. The people demonstrate their respect and support of the Scriptures. V.5
In respect to the reading of God's Word as though they were in the very presence of God Himself, the people stood for the hours of exposition.
 - IV. God is blessed through Expository Preaching. V.6**
 - A. God is exalted when the Scriptures are the center of His people's life. V.6a
 1. Psalm 19:1-6 Creation exalts God
 2. Psalm 19:7-11 Scripture exalts God
 3. Psalm 19:12-14 Obedience exalts God
 - B. God is worshipped in Spirit and truth when the Scriptures are the center of His people's life. V.6b
Worship for the people was not just a mental exercise, but involved the whole person, they stood, spoke, and kneeled in humility before God.
 - V. The exaltation of God, the response of the people, and the explanation of the Scriptures are the goal of Expository Preaching. Vv.7-8**

The Leaders are responsible for helping the people to not only hear but understand the Scriptures.

 - A. Exposition helps in understanding by reading the Scriptures distinctly. V.7
Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15

- B. Exposition helps in understanding by providing the sense of the meaning of the Scriptures. V.8
This may have involved translation for people who were only Aramaic speakers in exile, but more likely it means “to break down” the text into its parts so that people could understand it.
In this act of instruction, Ezra’s personal commitment to study the law, practice the law in his own life, prepared him to teach the law. (1 Timothy 4:6-11, 16; 5:17)
2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.
Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.
Titus 1:10-14 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, **11** whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. **12** One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." **13** This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, **14** not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth.
Titus 2:1 But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine:

Conclusion: