



What Does the Bible Teach About the Preacher?

Conclusion: What Must
the Preacher Preach?

He Must Preach By God's Rules

- God chose preaching as the means.
 - *"For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe"* (1Cor. 1:21).
- God closely watches preachers.
 - *"My brethren, be not many teachers, knowing that we shall receive the stricter judgment"* (James 3:1).

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- God requires that preachers give warning.
 - *"So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me. 8 When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 9 Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul" (Ez. 33:7-9).*

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- The preacher is not accountable for how the message is received.
 - *"As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, 'Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.' 31 So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. 32 Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them. 33 And when this comes to pass--surely it will come--then they will know that a prophet has been among them" (Ez. 33:30-33).*

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- What must the preacher preach in order to be saved?
 - *"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you"* (1Tim. 4:16).

He Must Preach That Humankind Needs A Savior

- *"For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, specially of those that believe" (2Tim. 4:10).*
- **Why do we need a Savior?**
 - *"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).*
 - *"For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23).*

He Must Preach The Divine Plan Of Salvation For Sinners

- Luke 24:46-47 - *"And said unto them, 'Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47. And that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached** in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.'"*

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- *Matt. 28:18-19 - "Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'"*
- *Mark 16:15-16 - "He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.'"*

He Must Preach The Divine Plan Of Restoration For Christians

- Can one who has been baptized fall out of favor with God and be lost?
 - 2Peter 2:20-22 - *"For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: 'A dog returns to his own vomit,' and, 'a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire.'"*

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- Matt. 28:20 - *"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."*

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- *2Peter 1:5-11 - "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; 11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."*

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- *1John 1:9 - 2:2 - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world."*

He Must Preach The Divine Plan Of Work And Worship

- Epistles to Timothy and Titus:
instruction in Christian works.
 - 2Tim. 3:16-17 - *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."*

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- The Book of Acts: instruction in Christian worship - Acts 2:42-47.

Apostolic teaching

Communion

Prayers

Giving Benevolence

Daily Bible study

Praising God

He Must Preach The Whole Word Of God, And Only The Word Of God

- What happens when something other than the word of God is taught?
 - 1Tim. 4:1-3 - *"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth."*

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- The Divine defense against apostasy.
 - 2Tim. 4:1-5 - *"I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."*

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- God becomes very angry when a sinner or erring Christian backbites a preacher for simply declaring the whole counsel of God.
 - 1Kings 18:17-18 - *"Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, 'Is that you, O troubler of Israel?' 18 And he answered, 'I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals.'"*

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- *1Kings 21:20-21 - "So Ahab said to Elijah, 'Have you found me, O my enemy?' And he answered, 'I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD: 21 Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I will take away your posterity, and will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel, both bond and free.'"*

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- *1Kings 16:30-33 - "Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him. 32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him."*

He Must Preach Against Religious Errors And False Doctrines

- Jesus preached against false teachers.
 - Matt. 15:6-9 - *"...Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. 7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'"*

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- Apostle Paul preached against false teachers.
 - 1Tim. 6:3-5 - *"If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself."*

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- Apostle John preached against false teachers.
 - 2John 9-11 - *"Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds."*

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- Can he treat errorists with greater kindness than Christ, Paul, and John, and still expect to be saved?
 - Rom. 16:17-18 - *"Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. 18 For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple."*

He Must Preach Against Tolerating Sin

- Gal. 5:19-21 - *"Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."*

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- What effects did tolerating sin have on the church at Corinth?
 - 1Cor. 5:1-2, 6-7 - *"It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles--that a man has his father's wife! 2 And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you... 6 Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."*

He Must Preach That All Persons Outside The Body Of Christ Are Lost

- Eph. 1:22-23 - *"He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."*
- Eph. 4:4-6 - *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."*

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- 1Tim. 4:16 - *"Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you."*
- 2Cor. 5:20 - *"Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."*

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- But when He has preached the word of God, he has discharged his duty.
- **Your obligation has begun.**
- Just as the preacher is required to speak the word of God...
- **The hearer is required to obey it.**