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v. to succeed in dealing with a problem or difficulty

PART 13
Prophetic Word

2 PETER 1:12-15

¹² So I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have. ¹³ I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, ¹⁴ because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things.

WHAT

What preachers do: Remind us of truth we already know.

"I will always remind you of these things, even though you know them and are firmly established in the truth you now have." v. 12

ARISTOTLE'S TRIPTYCH

"Tell them what you are going to tell them; tell them; tell them what you have told them."

WHY

Why preaching is vital: It focuses us on eternal matters.

"I think it is right to refresh your memory as long as I live in the tent of this body, because I know that I will soon put it aside, as our Lord has made clear to me." V. 13-14

By reminding us of life's brevity, preaching provokes us to focus on things that matter in time and eternity.

"I preach as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men."

RICHARD BAXTER

HOW

How preaching lives on: It creates sustainability and demands reproduction in us.

"I will make every effort to see that after my departure you will always be able to remember these things." V. 15

II TIMOTHY 2:2

“Teach others these great truths you have heard me preach. Teach them to trustworthy people who will, in turn, pass them on to others.”

3-M MODEL
for Sustainability and Reproduction:

MEDITATE on the message!
Spend time soaking it into your spirit ~ PSALM 1

MASTER the message!
Use it as course work for your graduate degree in Scripture. ~ 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

MINISTER the message!
Do something with it right away. ~ JAMES 1:22

2 PETER 1:16-21

¹⁶ We didn't follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God when the Father's own glorious voice said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

2 PETER 1:16-21

¹⁹ So we have the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



The
PROPHETIC
Word

1

The prophetic Word we preach is not just made up stuff—“cleverly invented stories”—*it is eternal truth!*

V. 16

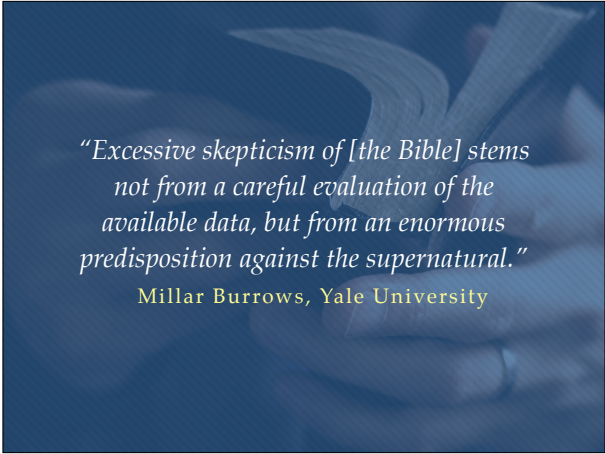


The
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Word

2

The prophetic Word we preach was *verified* by apostolic eye-witnesses.

VV. 16-18



“Excessive skepticism of [the Bible] stems not from a careful evaluation of the available data, but from an enormous predisposition against the supernatural.”

Millar Burrows, Yale University



The
PROPHETIC
Word

3

The prophetic Word we preach was birthed by the *Holy Spirit* himself.

VV. 19-21

The PROPHETIC Word

Reveals God's power for salvation.

ROMANS 1:16

Provides nourishment for
spiritual growth.

I PETER 2:2

Lights a path in chaotic times.

PSALM 119:105

The PROPHETIC Word

Shields against Satan's attack.

EPHESIANS 6:17

Trains in righteousness.

II TIMOTHY 3:17

Fills the soul with irrepressible joy.

JEREMIAH 15:16

*"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by
the Word of God."* ROMANS 10:17

PREACHING is the primary
vehicle for the formation of
disciples and the transformation
of the world.

ONE
MORE THING

*Your preacher may be the one assigned
to declare God's truth on Sundays, but
you have been called to preach
the Good News, too.*

MARK 16:15



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