

crowded with young people. We were overwhelmed and many wept. The president led in prayer. "Almighty God, Thou hast today strongly rebuked our lack of faith. In a fresh and convincing way, Thou hast demonstrated the fact that Thou art still in the business of calling men."

Today, God still speaks to men and places his hand upon them for his service. It is just as clear as (Jonah) 1:1-2 "Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city,

and preach." Thus we conclude, it is a call rather than a choice. Not a woman to teach - 1 Cor 14:34 "Let your women keep silence in the churches" But God I suffered shipwreck, suffered prison, stripes, Resurrection, But he would not suffer from a woman preaching!

When a man receives a divine call, he is given a divine message to go with that call. Every preacher should remember that he is to give out God's Word, not his own.

God has promised to bless his word, not your own. And it is His word, not yours, that will not return void." God said to (Jonah), "preach unto them the preaching that I bid thee." God had first ordered him to go, now he orders the message he is to preach. Jonah 3:2.

(Dr. J. B. Storer) said that a preacher was under divine commission to do four things. First, preach the word. Second, teach the cross. Third, beseech the

Ordination Sermon for Bryan W. Hollomon Jr. to Gospel Ministry. Sept 14, 58 - 8 P.M. - (P) James Edward Griffin at 29,67. PREACH THE WORD 2 Tim. 4:1-5

Our text is a stirring appeal to a preacher, a friend of the author. It is in the form of a charge. The eyes of Christ are upon you. You will one day answer to him. All preachers must one day give an account of their stewardship.

In this charge are many things which well might claim our attention. However, tonight I focus your attention on two: If a preacher is to preach the Word, he must be divinely called. If a man is divinely called of God, then he has no other message but to preach the Word. These two things go hand in hand. The divinely called man has a divinely given message. God's man must proclaim God's Message.

I. The Call - Commission - Every Ch. officer -

2 Tim. 1:9 Paul has already said to his friend in the ministry "God called us with an holy calling".

This truth needs to be re-emphasised that God calls men into the ministry.

By reference to the O. T. you will find the messengers of God in the old dispensation claiming to hold (Commissions) from Jehovah.

(Isaiah) tells us that one of the seraphims touched

his lips with a live coal from off the altar, and the voice of the Lord said, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said the prophet, "Here am I, send me". Isaiah 6:8.

(Ezekil) in his own words: "and he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the Children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that both rebelled against me, even unto this very day." Ez. 2:1-3.

These are examples of how God calls his preachers.

The (Apostle) said, "Now then we are Ambassadors for Christ." 2 Cor. 5:18-19. Appointed, and committed to Christ. *B.H. CARROL: Picture - Arbor - Burgess - House - 1864 - infidel - Camp Meeting - "You who stand aloof from Christianity & scorn simple folks, what have you got?" "Come into me - take - take - take." "That instant I cast myself unreservedly at Christ's feet. Called from infidel to Preach."*

(Charles Spurgeon) said if any preacher could be content as a grocer, or a farmer, or a doctor, or a lawyer, or a senator, or a King, in the name of heaven let him go his way for the spirit of God will not dwell upon him fully.

We must feel that woe is unto us if we preach not the Gospel, if we undertake the ministry we shall be happy. The call must be clear. *Philip* Called to Preach to Antioch.

Moses - Called to Bless God's People. There is ever present the grave danger of looking

upon the ministry as a profession only. If one enters it as a profession his work will be only in an official manner or it is his duty.

Of course, one may (make his business) his calling. He may sell goods and run a farm and handle a railroad, for the glory of God. Not just to see how much money he can make, but how much service he can render. God has a place for every life and every man should seek his will for their lives.

The greatest calling is the ^{Servant} Gospel Ministry. There is no investment of life that counts more for God's glory and man's good than this. There is no calling that offers such opportunity, or demands such sacrifice, or yields

such poor material compensation, yet, in the end piles up PAUL - Not disobedient to Heavenly Vision - Called to Preach - up such rewards.

(It narrows down to this.) A man is a preacher not by (choice but by call.) He did not decide, God decided it. As the prophet said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel."

A (professor in New Orleans) Seminary told this experience that happened in the seminary some years back.

"It seemed that interest in World Missions was at a low ebb. The school observed a special day. A Missionary spoke and called for public surrender. The aisles were

its authority was sealed by His resurrection from the dead. The disciples were not preaching a strange story, but an experience.

"I know whom I have believed." You can not shut the mouth of such a preacher. You may burn him or kill him.

At the heart of the word is Christ, and at the heart of Christ is Calvary. (Will the weary) world ever tire of the cross and the story of the love that knew no bounds, the old old story of Jesus and His Love?

"In the cross of Christ I glory
Towering o'er the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime."

The empty tomb is there at the center of the word. He conquered death. Why should the preacher be afraid to preach the word? Jesus seems to come into the room where his messenger preaches, and shows sinful hearts, his nail scars. No wonder the world, the flesh, and the devil cannot stop this message.

Who would want a better message? All that the message needs is proclamation. It does not need proof. It proves itself. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." It is Not defense

Reaching People: B.B. Croson, cowboy evangelist & great preacher. Max Ashby, "How many people heard him preach the night before?" He replied, "about 3 1/2 acres of em" - Tent - hunting dogs part throne, fourth, reach the people. ^{by team - hunted sinners} all day & ~~7 days~~ all night.

When I think of narrowing the message down to the simple statement preach the word, I am reminded of a good story told concerning two colored preachers who were talking.

"Where am yo' all preachin' now, Brothah?"
"Nowhere," was the answer.
"A fine preacher like yo' is, too!" said the first.
"That is just it, retorted the second, "I'm a preachin' preacher; and what the las' congregation wanted was a prayin' preacher, and that ain't in my line. Seems like too much specialization these days!"

Now according to the Bible, the Deacon is to specialize in "teaching the word." This is the first and foremost duty of a Deacon. Nothing can take its place.

Paul said, "this grace is given that I should preach the unsearchable riches of Christ." It is the privilege of the minister to bring the word of Christ to burdened, hungry men and women that they may learn from him the way of God.

St. Bernard said, "Yesterday (I preached myself, and the scholars came up and praised me.) Today, (I preached Christ, and the sinners came up and thanked me.)"

A young preacher went to David Swing in Chicago and asked him how to hold a congregation. Said the young preacher, "I have tried history, biography, literature, poetry, book reviews, politics, but people won't come. What shall I do?" David Swing responded, "Suppose now you try the Gospel!"

Yes, there is one message to ^{teach} preach and the preacher should have no fear in delivering the whole counsel of God. The "whole" counsel of God means all of it, not just a portion of it. It is easy through inclination or some other reason to harp on one string, and to give only some truth attention. Even a horse like hay mixed with his corn.

This means that all the Scripture should be ^{taught} preached. God has called the preacher to speak in His name. He has laid the obligation on them to take his message as they are found written in the Holy Book and proclaim them aloud to the whole world. They are to explain the communications which God sends, to deliver his instructions, his threatenings, his promises, his warnings, and his grand motives. Ministers are the chief earthly instruments in the hands of God to preach the word.

What other message has the preacher? Does the church have another message? This is all that the

preacher or the church has ever had. When Christianity started, there was no organization. The elaborate machine which has grown into what we now call the Christian Bible describes Early Christians Behold how they loved one another! Today church did not exist. " " " " Clashed " " " "

At the start of the church there was no creeds to learn. All these things, whether good or bad, have been worked out since. It was without money or schools, books, religious press, buildings. All that little group of preachers had was a message. They called it the Gospel; the good news, the evangel.

This is all the church has ever had. It has sought much else, but always must turn back to this charge "Preach the word."

All that the church has today is its message. (Silence) that and the church of Christ goes out of business. On the other hand burn the church buildings and let the preacher still tell the Old Old story of Jesus and his Love--the church still lives. The message produces all the rest.

To ^{teach} preach the (word is to teach Christ) The Word centers in Christ. The Word is not just something Jesus said or taught. "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." It was with all that Christ said and did and had and was, and

latching ears.

Whatever happens flinch not, do the work of an

evangelist and make full proof of thy ministry.

When Men Come to Church to See the King of Kings, let it not be said you spent the time for the sermon with trifles.

A sailor from a whaling ship ask a friend where he could go to hear a good preacher. Was told - went - On Return he said, everything was ship shape. Plenty of sails & wind, but I did not see any harpoons. When a whaling vessel goes out to get whales, they go after them with harpoons.

Remember equipment & polish etc are helpful, but preaching the word is your Harpoon.

J. Willbur Chapman - said a young preacher came to Bishop Smith, Chaplain General of the British Army & applied for the Chaplaincy. He felt sure he would get in, for they were of the same denomination.

Bishop Smith ^{took him} ~~said~~ his watch & said "I am a dying soldier on the battle-field - I have 3 min. to live - What have you to say to me?"

Young preacher confused & said nothing.

Bishop, "I have 2 min. to live - What can you tell me to help my soul?" No response -

"I have only 1 min. to live" - The young preacher reached for his prayer book, but the Bishop said "No, not that at such a time as this." & because he had nothing to say to the dying soldier upon the battle field, he did not receive his appointment.

The God call preacher does have something to say - "Preach the word", Preach it to the dying, those with 3 min. to live, 3 yrs, 50 yrs - Preach it everywhere!

the message needs. "We are to contend earnestly for the truth once delivered to the saints." Yet, the preacher need not be nervous about the message. The message is God's truth. It is the power of God unto salvation.

All that it needs (is to be ^{taught} preached.) (It must have a ^{servant} preacher. "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

Hence, "It has pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." The power is in the message. Let a God called man faithfully preach the word and all hell's foundations quiver.

The ^{Deacon} preacher is to be (God's voice.) This is all there was of John the Baptist. He was a "voice crying in the wilderness." All Christ asked his preachers to do was to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. It is all that he asks of you my brother this evening. He wants your voice.

He wants you to (stick to this message.) Nothing should ever take the place of preaching the word. Th is old world will never be saved by entertainment. Human nature is sinful. If men are to be saved, only the preaching of the word will accomplish that. The world is hungry for this kind of preaching, do not shy from this task! The preacher who preaches the word-- will

never fail.

This does not mean your ^{teaching} preaching is to be narrow, or dull. When I first started a preacher I had one sermon. I thought it was a masterpiece. It was exhaustive. The people who heard me preach probably thought it was exhausting. I had packed all that I knew into that one sermon. I did not see how I could ever make another sermon. There was no material left.

I've learned that "^{teaching}preaching the word" is an ever enlarging zone of a circle. The more I ^{teach} preach the more it offers to me. The plain simple Gospel may sound narrow to some people, for it does condemn sin, but it is wonderful in that it includes "Whosoever" - John 3:16.

The God called ^{Christian} preacher is the (only one) who has this message. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven whereby we must be saved." There are plenty of religions, but only one Gospel.

It is a great thing to be a voice for God. This door has opened for you. This is an investment of life. This investment you are making will extend into your home. Even your wife will share in the burden of your heart to preach the word. What investment could pay

bigger dividends? "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, and the stars for ever and ever."

"And who is sufficient for these things?" The God called delivering the Lords Message only are sufficient for this day. The old prophetic obligation still rests upon them; "Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord!" There they stand before God on behalf of men. Now then we are Ambassadors for Christ. They were to stand between dying men and the Living God.

Need I repeat the charge again--^{teach} Preach The Word, in season and out of season. Be ever engaged in it. Reprove and rebuke. In every way strengthen and establish souls in the fear of God.

V.3 Some will like unsound Doctrine, but you ^{teach} preach the Healing GAPS: Your Responsibility is to Preach The Word! word. Young people should attend preaching, for as

older people dies off, the church will not drift to unsound Doctrine.

Some will want preachers of their own liking.

V.6 - Finch Net - "I am ready to be offered"
On Thursday (Oct. 67) The Shah of Iran
Crowned himself - 48th Birthday.

Delayed for 26 yrs
Reza Shah Pahlavi
Throne - crown 3,755 jewels
Cape pearl embroidered -
Diamond studded sword -

Queen - crown 1469 diamonds 177 rubies, emeralds
pearls.

Said - "My deepest desire is to preserve the
independence & sovereignty of the country -
prosperous & prosperous society -
In this task as in the past I will
withhold nothing, not even my life!"

V.5 - Watch - ENDURE →

Power Will Be Given!

Men talk today About White Power
" " " " " BLACK "

Kind of Power Needed Today is
Holy Spirit Power.

Power from Above - Holy Spirit Endued.