Developing a Theology of preaching—Session 2¹ Adapted and Posted by Bob Young

Samples

Mark 4:35. How can we understand teaching, pleasing and persuading in same narrative? In this section of Mark, Jesus has power over—nature, evil, death, sickness.

1. 4:35-41; 5:1-20; 5:21-43; 5:25-34

This is not pretext nor artificial. Recognize that Scripture shapes the preacher before it shapes the preaching. The first task is to fit one's self to Scripture.

Job 1-2

When we preach, we should not separate form and content

1:1-5, Introduction, orientation

1:6-12, Heavenly scene, challenge #1 (hedge, he will curse you to your face)

1:13-19, Earthly scene, disaster #1

1:20-22, Job's response

Note the continuation of the structure and themes in chapter 2

2:1-6, Heaven, #2, challenge

2:7-8, Earth, #2 disaster

2:9-10, job's response

Consider the progression and parallels in 1:22; 2:10; 3:1.

We are good at telling, 2 Sam. 11:25. Consider the distinction between showing and telling.

Gen. 37ff, Joseph victimized, 39:1-23; 45:5-8; 50:19-26

Esther 1

Joel, appeal to senses

Study parallel between Gen 3 and Gen 4.

Parables are example stories, **Luke 18**. This is our usual approach.

In some parables, we have allegory (soils).

Parables are a cause of offense, Mark 4:10ff

Luke 15:1,12,16,18

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