



THE SERMONIC BREATH

W|M Sermon Preparation

1 Corinthians 2:4

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CHRIST-CENTERED PREACHING

And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power (1 Corinthians 2:4)

It is so easy to slip into preach self and self-righteous rather than Christ as subject and substance of our sermon. Sometimes we bash the people with “YOU SUPPOSE TO BEs”, unintentionally lending to the idea that I (the preacher) have already obtained. Other times, we do so by having bad expectations of what a “sermon” is accomplishes.

The Sermon is not the distribution of information. Does the message inform? YES! However it does more than inform the mind; it feeds/satisfies the soul (Matthew

*THINK YOURSELF EMPTY, READ YOURSELF FULL, WRITE YOURSELF CLEAR, PRAY YOURSELF HOT AND GO PREACH
JESUS*

11:28-30). The security of the Christian rests in the word of God satisfying the soul.)

The word is cast in the scripture largely as bread and meat. It is to be eaten, so to provide nourishment, not for the body, or even the mind per se', but for the soul (Psalm 63:5). You don't have to be or become smart, to be nourished and satisfied in the soul. This is why we as preachers of the Gospel must never equate nor relegate preaching to a lecture or a seminar. Preachers today are too smart to preach. Preaching is not something that the world sees as sensible and useful. The world regards preaching as foolishness (1 Corinthians 1:18) and the true preacher as the scourge of society (1 Corinthians 4:3). The world will never receive a true preacher; the world only receives her own (1 John 4:5). The word of God is does not reach the mind until it reaches to heart.

We must never look for the difference to occur out of the act of giving information. Growth does not occur out of a



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single meal or a few meals. Rather grow occurs over time and is virtually unnoticeable apart from it. So our mindset in sermon preparation is to prepare to provide another meal in a stable diet expecting God and only God to give the increase as grow and maturation is His to provide alone. It is ours only to prepare the meal.

And the meal is another heaping helping of Jesus. *“For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:2).*

Prayerfully prepare a meal that is:

- 1) Savory (suited for saints taste) Substantive (energy for living) Satisfying (enough for now)

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