

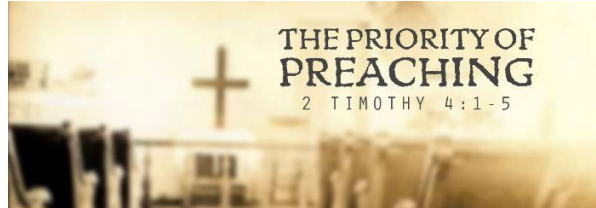
Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: 2 Timothy – verse by verse

**Scriptures for Today: 2 Timothy 4:1-5 – *the time has come; people do not endure sound doctrine!***

Today's Message:

***"The Priority of Preaching"***



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned of God's remedy for all the problems of these *last days* – the holy Scriptures! The holy Bible is *God's Owner Manual* for your life. Today, we have arrived at another prophecy concerning our time that relates to the **PREACHING** of the word of God. The Holy Spirit will say a time is coming when people will not endure sound doctrine and will have itching **EARS!** They will turn away their ears from the truth and be turned unto **FABLES**. Ugh! This is God's message to you today...

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. The Text 2 Timothy 4:1-5

#### #1. *The Context* – Paul *charges* Timothy before the **JUDGE** of the universe.

##### I CHARGE THEE THEREFORE BEFORE GOD

- ✓ *I charge thee THEREFORE* – To lay on or impose; for this reason... PERILOUS TIMES!
- ✓ *Before God* – the great I AM – the Almighty infinite Creator! **Ex 3:1-14; Jn 8:58**

##### AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

- ✓ *Who SHALL JUDGE the quick and the dead...* **Rom 14:10; 2Cor 5:10; Rev 20:11-16**
- ✓ *At his appearing and his kingdom...* **2Thess 1:7-10; Rev 20:1-10; 21:1-5; 22:7-21**

**NOTE** The final words of Paul's last words bring urgency, soberness, responsibility!

#### #2. *The Priority* – Paul lays out the **PRIORITY** of *preaching* in no uncertain terms.

##### PREACH THE WORD

- ✓ The *method* is **PREACHING**. *Preach...* **Nehemiah 8; Rom 10:6-17; 1Cor 1:17-2:16**
- ✓ The *content* is the **BIBLE**. *The word...* **Jn 1:1; Acts 4:20; 17:30-31; 20:27; Jonah 3:2**
- ✓ The *season* is always **IN**. *Be instant in season, out of season...* **Eccles 3:1; Ezek 22:30**
- ✓ The *message* is 2/3 **NEGATIVE**. **Jer 1:4-19; 4:3; Hos 10:12**
  - *Reprove* – to convince someone; correcting when someone is wrong. **John 16:8**
  - *Rebuke* – to lay a weight upon; you are wrong or out of line. **Titus 1:13; 2:15**
  - *Exhort* – to stir up to action; calling forward to take action. **Ex 32:26; Ezra 10:10**

**W1828 "Preach"**  
To herald the words of the king; to impress, teach or enforce by frequent admonitions; to urge on the mind.

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- ✓ The *suffering* is to be **LONG**. *With all longsuffering... Ex 34:6; Num 14:18; Rom 2:4*  
*With all longsuffering because...*
  - It will not be easy to preach this way to a modern, Laodicean congregation.
  - The preacher and his family will be slandered, manipulated, and threatened.
  - People will attend other churches where the preacher does not raise his voice.
- ✓ The *teaching* is to be **SOUND**. *And doctrine... 1Tim 1:10; Titus 1:9; 2:1; Jude 3*
  - This doctrine is a reference to **correct Biblical teaching on revealed truth**.

**NOTE** The priority for God's church is **PREACHING!** Do not follow man's wisdom!

### #3. The Prophecy – the *apostacy* of the **FUTURE** is described in great detail.

**FOR THE TIME WILL COME** (... and now is!)

**"Apostasy"**  
 This passage is a reference to apostasy **WITHIN** the body of Christ. That is, people who previously stood for the truth will make a conscious decision to abandon it!

1. The **FUTURE** is told in advance. *For the time WILL COME when...*
2. The word of God will go **OUT** of season. *They WILL NOT ENDURE sound doctrine...*
3. They will seek lusty, **COMPROMISING** teachers. *But after their own lusts SHALL...*
4. They will desire audible **JUNK** food! *Having ITCHING EARS...*
5. They will **REJECT** the Bible. *And they SHALL turn away their ears from the truth...*
6. They will prefer and **BELIEVE** fairy tales and lies. *And SHALL be turned unto fables.*

OT Example... **1Kings 22:10-37**

*"The Man who hated the Preacher."*

- 1) The man could not **CONTROL** the preacher. (Vs 10-14)
- 2) The preacher told him the **TRUTH**, not what he wanted to hear. (Vs. 15-18)
- 3) The preacher preached the **WORD** of God. (Vs. 19-25)
- 4) The preacher would not **COMPROMISE** his stand. (Vs. 26-28, 29-37)

#### **BUT WATCH THOU**

1. You **must** not get caught up in this **FALLING** away! *But watch thou in all things...*
2. You **must** endure whatever **TROUBLE** and pain may come! *Endure afflictions...*
3. You **must** work to advance the ministry of the **WORD!** *Do the work of an evangelist...*
4. You **must** bear fruit in your God-given **MINISTRY!** *Make full proof of thy ministry...*

**NOTE** I trust that God has laid upon you the weight of this truth; repent and obey it.

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