

I Did Nothing; The Word Did Everything

How Much of the Bible Ought to be Preached?

Joshua 8:33 – 35

33 And all Israel, sojourner as well as native born, with their elders and officers and their judges, stood on opposite sides of the ark before the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, half of them in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, just as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded at the first, to bless the people of Israel.

34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law.

35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them.

Nehemiah 8:1 - 3

1 And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel.

2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month.

3 And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

Acts 20:18 - 21, 26 - 27, 31 - 32

18 And when they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia,

19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews;

20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house,

21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

26 Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all,

27 for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

31 Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.



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Four Benefits of Expository Preaching

1. Causes the Emphases of the Bible to Become the Emphases of our Preaching

Jude 3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

- We do not want to be doctrinally imbalanced
 - We do not want to “major in the minors”
- Instead, allowing the prophets and the apostles to inform us as to what is most essential and ought to most hold our convictions

2. Encourages a Commitment to Hear and Submit to God’s Word, not Man’s

2nd Timothy 4:2a Preach the word...

- I can do all things through a verse taken out of context!
 - A text without a context is a pretext for a proof-text.

3. Strengthens our Confidence in the Difficult and Unexpected Things the Bible Says

2nd Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness

- Producing Biblically literate disciples
 - Men and women who know the scope and landscape of the books
 - Ensuring that infrequently traveled areas of the Bible are covered.

4. Nourishes a Congregation to be Conformed to the Word, Not the Culture

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Preaching through whole books encourages the rejection of cultural beliefs and exhorts our members to instead be transformed by the will and the Word of God.
 - Expository preaching assures a balanced diet of God’s Word.

*“It is blessed, to eat into the very soul of the Bible until, at last,
you come to talk in Scriptural language,
and your spirit is flavoured with the words of the Lord,
so that your blood is Bibline and the very essence of the Bible flows from you.”*
- C. H. Spurgeon

