

# EXHORTATION: THE PREACHED WORD

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“THE PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD IS THE WORD OF GOD. Wherefore when this Word of God is now preached in the church by preachers lawfully called, we believe that the very Word of God is proclaimed, and received by the faithful.”

The Second Helvetic Confession

## Exposition: the Scriptural Form of the Sermon

“Expository preaching grounds the message in the text so that all the sermon’s points are the points in the text, and it majors in the text’s major ideas.”

Tim Keller, *Preaching*

**A sermon has the Scripture as it’s \_\_\_\_\_.**

1. God has spoken.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. He has spoken in propositional form.

**A sermon takes it's \_\_\_\_\_ from the Scripture.**

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**A sermon rightly \_\_\_\_\_ the Scripture**

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## **Exultation: the spiritual heart of the sermon**

**A sermon takes it's \_\_\_\_\_ from the Scripture**

1. The aim of the passage is the aim of the passage.

2. The preacher seeks to implicate congregation.

**A sermon seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ with the Scripture**

Q. 155. *How is the word made effectual to salvation?*

A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; or building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Westminster Catechism

1. Teaching.
2. Reproof.
3. Correction.
4. Training in righteousness.

“God asks to be loved with all our minds and all our hearts. The informational aspect relates to primarily (though not exclusively) to our minds. It must be balanced with the formational aspect, which relates primarily (though not exclusively) to our hearts.”

Bryan Chapell, *Christ Centered Worship*, 225

## **Encounter: the supernatural event of the sermon**

“Preaching is theology coming through a man who is on fire and that the chief end of preaching is to give men and women a sense of God and his presence.”

Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Preaching and Preachers*

### **A sermon depends on the power of the Spirit**

### **A sermon arrives with the power of the Spirit**

1. The conviction of the Spirit.
2. The illumination of the Spirit.
3. The witness of the Spirit.

### **And so...**

1. The sermon is a divine act.
2. A recorded sermon is not a sermon.
3. Powerpoint, fit for teaching, does not fit for preaching.

3 Likewise, wives, **be subject** to your own **husbands**,  
so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of  
their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

3 Do not let your **adorning** be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold  
jewelry, or the clothing you wear—

4 but let your **adorning** be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a  
gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious.

5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to **adorn** themselves,  
by **submitting** to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling  
him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that  
is frightening.

This passage is about wives conducting themselves for the glory of God when their husbands are  
disobedient to God.

Because Jesus is your faithful husband, you do not need to fear being subject to your human husband.

- I. Wives, be subject to you own husbands. *Win him with your beautiful conduct.*
  - I. So that even if they do not obey.
  - II. So that they may be won because you do.
  
- 1. Adoring yourselves with a beautiful heart. *Win him with your beautiful heart.*
  - III. Not external.
  - IV. But internal...not out of fear.