

How a pastor prepares a sermon

A. An overview

1. Prayer for the Spirit's help and blessing

Beginning

Middle

End – leaving the sacristy

2. Picking a text

Use of a Pericope

Use of a Rotation: EGO

Special occasions

3. Studying the text

(see point 1, again)

Exegesis – drawing out of the text

- Studying the Greek/Hebrew

- Word study and points of grammar

Isagogics- setting the context of the text including historical period and place.

Cross references

Looking for the Spirit's truths

What is unique to this text

Law/Gospel thoughts

Where is Jesus (John 5:39)

4. Insights from others

Reviewing commentaries on the text.

5. Formulating a theme and parts

What does the Spirit want us to know

Applying the text to the sinner (me and my hearers)

6. Writing the sermon

Outline or manuscript

Picking hymns and Psalms

7. Preparing for delivery

B. One Example

as to the faith, [9] But they will not go on further, for their foolishness will be plain to all, as also that of

those before. [10] But you have closely followed my teaching, the conduct, the purpose, the law, the long suffering, the love, the patient endurance, [11] the persecutions, the sufferings such as happened to me in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra, what persecutions I endured, and the Lord delivered me out of all. [12] And indeed all day long in my God in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. [13] But not that and pretenders

as these others — 10 ταῦτα διδόμενα, φύσις τοῦ κατηγόρου
9 πίνοι τὸν νοῦν, σόφισμοι περὶ τὴν πίστιν, διὰ τὸ πρόκατον
corrupted the mind, sophisms concerning the faith. But not they will
ψωνιστεῖν τὰ τέλεαν ἢ γάρ δινοια σύτινος ἐσθίας διστεῖ πίστιν,
ψωνιστεῖν τὰ τέλεαν; the last fully of their plan will be in us.

10 δος καὶ ἡ βασινούν ἐγένετο, οὐ δὲ παρτικελοῦσθοκός μου τοῦ
as also the (fifth) of those losses. Yet but have closely followed of not the
βιβλοσκολεῖον, τὴν δρυγοῦν, τὴν προδοσίαν, τὴν πατη-
suffering, the conduct, the purpose, the law, the long

11 κροβύσια, τὴν ἀγάπην, τὴν ὑποκριτὴν, τοὺς διαγγεῖλούς, τοὺς ποιη-
suffering, the love, the patients, the predictions, the sufferings
μπον, οὐδὲ μοι ἐγένετο δι 'Αυτοκράτορα, δι 'Ιωνίας, δι 'Ιωσήπου,
which to me happened in Antioch, in Iconium, in Lystra;

οἵσιν διεργάσαντος ὑπηρευκόντας καὶ τὸ πάνταν μὲν ἀρρόσιστο δ
what maintained I have; yet out of all we delivered the

12 Κύριος, καὶ πάντες δι οἱ διδόνοντες ἐντεῖδος ἐδὲν ἐν Χριστῷ
Lord, indeed all. And these electing ready to live in Christ

13 Τίγροι διαχθίσαστον, παντριπολι δι διδόσιμος καὶ γόρτης
These will be persecuted, and But these and persecutors

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1. Doctrines in this text:

2. Where is Jesus?

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will go forward to worse, leading astray and being led astray [14] but you keep on in what you learned and were assured of, having known from whom you learned; [15] and that from a teacher you knew the Holy Scriptures, those being able to make you wise to salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus; [16] Every Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; [17] so that the man of God may be perfect, fully furnished in every good work.

προκόπουσσον ἐπὶ τὸ χείρον, πλανῶντες καὶ πλανώμενοι
will go forward to ~~now~~, ~~desiring~~ and ~~being~~ deceived.

14 σὺ δέ μεν τὸν οὐρανὸν καὶ ἐπιστάθη, εἰδὼς τούτο τίνος
you ~~will~~ continue in ~~what~~ you learned and were assured of, knowing ~~what~~ when

15 μαθεῖς καὶ ὅτι ἀπὸ βρύσους τὰ λεπά γράμματα εἰσερχόμενοι τὰ
you learned, and that from a baby the ~~holy~~ ~~scriptures~~ you know, these

16 ὑπάνθινον σε ποιῶσιν εἰς σωτηρίαν διὰ πλούτους τῆς εὐ^τησθενίας την το make wise to salvation through ~~wealth~~ ^{right} in

17 Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ. πάντα γραφὴ διδόνεταις καὶ ὀφελίμιος,
Christ Jesus. Every scripture is God-inspired and profitable

πρὸς διδασκολίαν, πρὸς ἐλεύχον, πρὸς ἐπανόρθωσιν, πρὸς
for teaching, for ~~mercy~~, for correction, for

παιδείαν τὴν ἐν διδασκολύν, ~~τὸν~~ ^{τὸν} ἀπόστολον ἡ ὁ τοῦ Θεοῦ
instruction in righteousness, that fitted may be the of God

διδασκολός, πρὸς πάντα ἔργα διδασκολός διεργοποιούσας,
man, ~~the~~ every work just having been performed.

CHAPTER 4

3. What is special about this text?

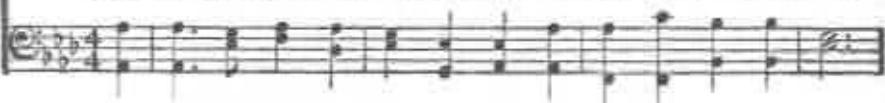
4. Formulating a theme (and parts?)

Ps. 119: 106
John Flavel, 1733

C. M.

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Johann J. Walder, 1732

1 How pre-cious is the Book Di-vine, By in - spi - ra - tion giv'n!
 2 Its light, de-scend-ing from a - bove Our gloom-y world to cheer,
 3 It shows to man his wan-d'ring ways And where his feet have trod,
 4 O'er all the straight and nar-row way Its ra-diant beams are cast;



Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.
 Dis - plays a Sav-ior's boundless love And brings His glo-ries near.
 And brings to view the matchless grace Of a for-giv-ing God.
 A light whose nev-er wea-ry ray Grows brightest at the last. A-men.



5 It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts 6 This lamp through all the tedious night
 In this dark vale of tears. Of life shall guide our way
 Life, light, and joy it still imparts Till we behold the clearer light
 And quells our rising fears. Of an eternal day.