

Hello. /We will now begin the third lecture on homiletics. /We are currently studying the principles of preaching. /We are studying the five principles of preaching. /The source of preaching is the Trinity God.

/The primary agent of preaching is God's preacher. /Last time, we looked at the Trinity God, the source of preaching. /We will then continue with the agent of preaching, the preacher.

/Jesus personally called the twelve apostles, and He sent them out to preach the gospel. /Jesus at times sent out 70 people to evangelize. /After Jesus resurrected, He commanded His apostles to make disciples of all nations.

/People were chosen through Jesus to preach God's word. /Hence, people who publicly preached the gospel naturally appeared in the church. /Those who publicly preached began to preach in the church.

/The Bible describes preachers as, "elders who teach," or "some who taught as works of service." /Therefore, the position of one who served by teaching God's word was not one that was made by humans.

/The apostles carried out their positions in obedience to Jesus' command. /The public position of a preacher was established in the church through the twelve apostles. /There are many titles for those who preach and teach God's word.

/You all have titles as well, but the most common expression is "Pastor." /Pastors are servants of God's word. /Preachers, servants of God's word, are called in the church through Jesus.

/Many ministers were trained through the engine known as the church. /Then after the completion of a certain period of training and process, they become pastors. /Pastors are called by Christ to preach.

/Thus, preachers do not preach however they want to. /Preachers are called by the Trinity God, and they preach in God's name. /Therefore, preachers must preach with the authority of God.

/They must pray a lot, and they must receive power that comes from God. /They must speak courageously through the Holy Spirit. /When they speak, they must only speak what God allowed them to say.

/This is because they are servants of God's word. /Servants do only as their masters tell them to do. /Moses, Elijah, and Jeremiah of the Old Testament were God's servants. /John the Baptist was also called by God, and was a servant of God.

/They delivered God's word with a strong sense of duty for their calling. /Therefore, all preachers in his generation must remember God's calling for them.

/Preachers must become servants who deliver God's word with strength and courage.
/Next, let's look at the second principle of preaching.

/2. The contents of sermons. /The contents of sermons must deliver the gospel revealed in the Bible. /The source of preaching is the Trinity God. /Because the source of preaching is the Trinity God, the contents of a preacher's sermon must be on God's word, the Bible.

/Any sermons that do not speak of the Bible are not sermons. /This is because the entire Bible is God's word. /The Bible is God's special revelation to save the fallen mankind.

/Genesis chapter 1 to Revelation chapter 22 is God's word of revelation. /God's word of revelation begins gradually from Genesis, and it more clearly revealed through the entire Bible.

/At the center of the word of revelation is Jesus Christ. /God's word of salvation, which is given through Jesus Christ, is the core of the Bible. /God's word of salvation, which is given through Jesus Christ, is what we call the gospel.

/We believe that the New Testament Bible speaks of the gospel. /However, the Old Testament Bible is also the gospel. /This is because the entire Old Testament Bible records the promise of Christ.

/When we interpret the Old Testament, we must interpret it as the light of the New Testament. /When we interpret the New Testament, we must interpret it as the fulfillment of the prophecy of the Old Testament. /We must also understand that Jesus Christ is at the center of both the Old and New Testaments.

/We received the gospel through God and Christ, and we received salvation through the gospel. /Therefore, preachers must discover the gospel when they preach about the gospel that is revealed in the Bible.

/When we preach about the Bible, we speak of great people or historical incidents. /However, when we speak of historical incidents or people of great faith, we must make sure that they do not cover the gospel of God and Christ.

/We will discover the redemption of Jesus Christ in the entire Bible when we look through a redemptive-historical point of view. /For example, Moses of Exodus symbolized the coming Jesus Christ. /Just as Moses delivered the Israelites from Egypt, Jesus Christ would save us from this sinful world.

/Joshua came after Moses. /Moses symbolized Jesus Christ, but Joshua symbolized Jesus Christ in more ways. /Do you know what the name "Joshua" means? /"Joshua" means, "Jehovah saves."

/Do you know that Jesus' name means, "God saves"? /The names "Joshua" and "Jesus"

both mean, "God saves." /Joshua is the Hebrew pronunciation, and Jesus is the Greek pronunciation. /We must discover the salvation of Jesus Christ in both the Old and New Testaments, and in every historical incident as well.

/If preachers deliver the words of the Bible but do not discover Christ in it, that is a serious problem. /This means that they preach the Bible but do not speak of the gospel.

/Then that means that such preachers do not speak of the gospel, but merely speak of common morals or ethics. /Such preachings may be fun to hear, but they are not sermons. /They are not services of God's word.

/Preachers must always remember as servants of God's word, "I am preaching God's word." /When preachers prepare their sermons, they must prepare them as servants who deliver God's word.

/However, we cannot know the entire Bible even as we prepare for sermons. /If preachers do not have confidence about certain passages, they must not preach about such passages. /They must prepare and wait until they can fully understand the passage with the help of the Holy Spirit.

/Remember 2 Peter 1:19-20. /Peter spoke about paying attention to God's word and said, "Pay attention to it...until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts." /In other words, if you do not understand passages in the Bible, wait and prepare until you understand.

/The morning star rises around dawn, after darkness fades. /When we wait and prepare, the Holy Spirit will help us understand God's word. /We must go through such processes and deliver the gospel revealed in the Bible.

/The Bible is also God's objective word that he revealed to man. /This, God's objective word, means that God gave it to everyone. /However, some preachers interpret the Bible subjectively through their own points of view.

/Some do not preach about the objective Bible, but speak about their own subjective experiences. /Those who preach in this way speak of their own experiences or points of view.

/If preachers speak of their subjective experiences, the contents of their sermons will be restricted. /Such preachers will have nothing to preach about when they run out of experiences to talk about. /The Bible is God's infinite word.

/Therefore, we must not speak our own thoughts, but we must read and understand the Bible and preach it. /Self-centered sermons will not lead congregations to salvation. /Preachers must preach and deliver the Bible alone. /Now let's look at the third principle.

/3. The subject of sermons. /The subject of sermons is the congregation. /Preachers

preach to communities of believers. /The Bible describes communities of believers in many ways.

/They are called, “God’s church” or “God’s field.” /They are also called, “God’s house.” /They are also called, “the body of Christ.” /There are various expressions for the church.

/However, the church on this earth does not only consist of sanctified believers. /Preachers must remember that there are different people of different faith in their congregations.

/There are some who are very intelligent. /There are some who have many problems. /We must deliver God’s word so that those who hear will receive grace.

/What must preachers do to deliver grace? /Preachers are servants of God’s word. /Preachers are God’s spokesmen, and therefore, they must preach with strength and courage from God’s position.

/However, there is one thing we must remember when we preach with strength and courage. /We must remember that we too are indeed sinners and in need of God’s grace. /Preachers do preach to congregations, but they must remember that they too are one member of their congregation.

/Therefore, preachers must not simply teach. /They must remember that they are one member of their congregation. /They must confess that they too are lacking and are sinners. /It is important that preachers keep in mind, “I too am a sinner like all of you.”

/When preachers consider themselves a member of their congregation, we say that they “identify” with the congregation. /This means that preachers and congregations are equal. /This expression is very important. /When preachers identify with their congregations, their sermons will deliver grace.

/When preachers identify with their congregations, they too will desperately seek Christ’s grace and love. /Then they will preach while remembering that their congregations also need grace and love.

/When preachers preach with such hearts, close relationships between preachers and congregations will form. /There is another thing that preachers must be careful of when they preach to their congregations. /Preachers must not overly emphasize repentance.

/Yet, this does not mean that preachers must overly speak of grace and love. /When preaching about repentance, preachers must strongly rebuke sins as God’s spokesmen. /However, they must also show love to their congregations after they rebuke sins, just as the prophet Hosea did.

/Jesus showed mercy to the woman who was caught in the act of adultery. /The woman was to be stoned to death because she was caught in the act of adultery. /However, Jesus

said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin.”

/Jesus emphasized grace and love for the woman instead of rebuking her sin. /The Bible does not tell us how the woman lived after she returned home. /However, I am confident in this.

/The woman, who was moved by Jesus’ grace and love, probably did not ever again commit the sin of adultery. /In the same way, we preachers must have the heart of Jesus and preach as He did.

/Also, preachers must preach with the heart of the woman caught in the act of adultery. /We must rebuke sins, but at times we must softly comfort believers. /If we preach ten times, there is a need for two of those sermons to rebuke sins.

/Yet, there is a need for the other eight sermons to deliver God’s word of comfort and grace. /Of course, this is not a set plan for preaching. /Many believers come to church in Sundays to hear sermons about comfort and grace.

/Therefore, it is a preacher’s responsibility to preach about comfort and grace as well as repentance. /It is not right for a preacher give sermons of rebuke every time they preach. /Preachers must also think about their congregations.

/When they scatter seeds of God’s word, the seeds do not all fall onto good soil. /Some fall along the path, some on rocky places, and some on thorns. /Therefore, preachers must not expect their preachings to fall on good soil.

/Preachers are God’s spokesmen, but that does not mean that their seeds will only fall on good soil. /Those who listen have the responsibility to hear God’s word and become good soil.

/Therefore, preachers must leave it to their congregations to listen well and apply sermons to their faith. /Preachers must proclaim God’s word whether they listen or don’t. /Let’s then look at the fourth principle of preaching.

/4. Method of preaching. /We studied that the method of preaching is to proclaim. /Remember the word, “proclaim.” /When we preach, we are sometimes speak with eloquence, with loud voices. /Sometimes we ask questions so that the congregation would take the time to look back on their lives. /Sometimes we even receive questions from the congregation.

/Sometimes, preachers give speeches to move the hearts of their listeners. /However, we must understand that sermons should not be eloquent. /Sermons are not conversations, and sermons are not speeches.

/Sermons are proclamations of God’s word through man’s words. /Therefore, preachers must communicate God’s word through man’s words. /We proclaim, and we must

proclaim God's profound and mysterious word with words that others will understand.

/Preachers must first understand and interpret God's word well. /It is important that we correctly interpret the Bible, God's word. /We cannot give proper sermons if we do not properly interpret the Bible.

/Preachers must first interpret Bible passages as historical facts. /This means that everything in the Bible actually took place in the past. /Then, preachers must deliver the Bible as spiritual food for the congregations.

/The Bible also applies to the present as well. /All historical facts in the Bible can be applied to believers' lives today. /If old historical facts did not have anything to do with us, they would not be a blessing or an inspiration.

/Therefore, preachers must remember in their hearts how believers would digest God's word and apply it to their lives. /Preachers must also interpret the Bible as the words of prophecy.

/Revelation says that the Bible is the word of prophecy. /This means that everything in the Bible will be fulfilled. /Therefore, when we interpret the Bible, we must interpret it with the past, present, and future in mind.

/We must also think of another important thing when we interpret the Bible. /The Bible must be interpreted with the Bible. /The Old Testament must be interpreted through the light of the New Testament. /The New Testament must be interpreted through the words of prophecy of the Old Testament.

/When we interpret passages in the Bible, we must remember what other parts of the Bible have to say in relation to the passages. /We must properly interpret the Bible in its entirety.

/We need many texts other than the Bible in order to properly interpret the Bible. /Let's look at the steps one more time in interpreting the Bible. /In order for us to properly interpret the Bible, we must read the Bible a lot.

/We must make sure that we do not miss a single word when we read the Bible. /The Bible was recorded through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. /The inspiration of the Holy Spirit means that not a single word in the Bible was recorded without meaning.

/Therefore, we must grammatically read the Bible, and we must also understand the Bible. /We must read the passages we want to preach about, and we must also fully grasp the context in which the passages appear.

/For example, if we were to preach on the Exodus, we must read the context before and after the Exodus. /Next, we must study the circumstances of the time. /We must study the reason why God gave the words he gave to the Israelites at that time.

/In order to know all this, we must study the background of the historical fact. /We must know the life situations of the time. /We must also refer to other interpretations in order to properly interpret the Bible.

/Preachers must read many references, and preachers must study. /There are many reference books published in today's time. /We must refer to other texts, but it is more important to see how authentic Christians interpreted the Bible in history.

/The Bible was passed down for 3,500 years, and many people studied the Bible. /It would be safe to refer to and see how the many fathers of faith interpreted the Bible.

/It is extremely dangerous for one to discover something new when studying the Bible. /Therefore, it is important that we study how traditional Christianity interpreted the Bible, instead of interpreting the Bible in a new way.

/It is safe to interpret the Bible through a traditional point of view. /It is important to interpret the Bible. /We must study, research, and work hard to interpret the Bible.

/After preachers study the Bible, they must lastly pray diligently. /We must properly preach God's word, which was given to us through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, through prayer. /Interpretation is important.

/It is important for preachers to properly interpret the Bible, but that alone is not enough. /Preaching is the act of proclaiming. /Therefore, after we properly interpret the Bible, we must deliver it to the congregation so that they would easily understand.

/How can someone understand another person? /It is difficult to understand someone if he says one thing and another, and back and forth. /In order for the congregation to understand God's word, the layout of God's word must be logical.

/All people have intellect. /Our brains do not understand what someone is saying unless he logically interprets it. /Therefore, preachers must strive to logically deliver their understanding of the Bible.

/There is another important factor to consider when preaching on the pulpit. /People use their hands and body language when they speak. /Facial expressions are also important. /Therefore, when preachers stand on the pulpit, their hands, body language, and expressions must agree with one another.

/When preachers use their hands and body language, their sermons become lively. /When Jesus preached, He preached with liveliness. /The Lord sometimes spoke in parables. /The Lord sometimes taught in action.

/Therefore, preachers must diligently study Jesus' way of preaching. /They must study how effectively their sermons would be delivered to their congregations. /If members of

the congregation fall asleep, whose fault would it be?

/Indeed, those who fall asleep are responsible. /However, if preachers see that members of their congregations fall asleep, they must remember that they too are responsible. /They must then look back and see whether their sermons were lively or not.

/Do you think there were people who fell asleep when they heard Jesus' sermons? /Of course, we cannot know for sure. /However, we can be sure that believers concentrated when they listened to Jesus. /Therefore, preachers must study Jesus' ways of preaching and preach with liveliness.

/Preachers must study their expressions, gestures, and rhetoric when they proclaim God's word. /Let's look at another thing. /When Jesus preached, He used words that people could easily understand.

/The Jews at the time spoke Aramaic. /The intellectuals at the time spoke Greek. /Jesus did not preach in difficult Greek, but spoke so that the people could understand Him.

/Jesus spoke in Aramaic. /That is why preachers today must also be careful not to use difficult expressions or foreign languages. /Preachers must use easy expressions.

/They must preach so that the educated and uneducated can understand. /Yet, this does not mean that we must preach only at a beginner level. /God's word is the deep spiritual truth.

/Even if we preach using easy expressions, we must deliver the spiritual meaning that is in God's word.

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/With this we will conclude the third lecture on homiletics. /Thank you.