

Preaching the Prophecies of the Pentateuch (Dale Ralph Davis)

What do we mean by 'preaching Jesus'?

Preaching Jesus from two prophecies of the Pentateuch

Joy to the world—the curse is declared! Genesis 3:15

- I. The conflict of the gospel, 'I will place enmity'
- II. The channel of the gospel, 'between you and the woman'
- III. The certainty of the gospel, 'He will bruise you on the head'
- IV. The costliness of the gospel, 'But you will bruise him on the heel'

Last Will and Prophecy, Genesis 49:1-28
(Our focus will be on point II)

- I. The sad scars sin leaves in our history, vv 3-7
- II. The coming King who will consummate history, vv 8-12
 - 1. Surprise
 - 2. Imagery/focus
 - 3. Impact
- III. The avid longing for deliverance in the disappointments of history, vv 14-19 [v 18 in its context]
- IV. The clear secret of steadfastness in our troubled histories, vv 22-26

Preaching the Promise in the Pentateuch (Dale Ralph Davis)

I. Essentials of the Promise

1. People: God will always have a people
 "seed", 12:2, 7
 15:1-6; chs 16-18:15; 21:1-7; 22:1-14; then chs 24, 25, 29-30, 34, 38, 45, 46
2. Place: God will give his people a home
 land—ch 13, 15:7-21; 17:7-8; ch 23; 24:6-7; 50:24-26
3. Presence: God will be present with his people in relationship & protection
 Implied in 12:3a; note 28:15, 'with...' + 'keep';
 12:10-20, chs 20, 22, 26, 31, 32, 33, 35, 39
4. Programme: God will expand the circle of covenant enjoyment
 12:3b; plus chs 18-19; 20:7; 21:22-34; 26:26-33; chs 41, 47

II. Selections from the texts

Gen. 15:7-21

Gen. 12-22 (overview)

Gen. 46

Preaching Christ from the Psalms (I) (Wei En Yi)

INTRODUCTION

- Luke 24:46-47
- How to understand **Psalm 1**?

SOME OBSERVATIONS & LESSONS

- 150 individual psalms; Hebrew title of the whole book:
- Pattern:

"Suffering these things and enter into glory"?

- Scroll I: Scroll II: Scroll III:

Scroll IV: Scroll IV:

How each scroll ends:

Application to Christ, Christian Life, Christian Worship:

- Psalm 90 -
Psalm 3 -
Psalm 34 -
Psalm 137 -
Psalm 126 -

Why this arrangement?

- Psalm 1 & 2 - *Introduction to the entire Book*

- Scroll I:
 - Psalm 18:50
 - Psalm 34:19
 - Psalm 41:11-12
- Scroll II:
 - Psalm 42-50
 - Psalm 51
 - Psalm 71
 - Psalm 72
- Scroll III:
 - Psalm 73
 - Psalm 78, 80, 85
 - Psalm 88, 89
 - Psalm 87
- Scroll IV:
 - Psalm 90
 - Psalm 91, 92
 - Psalm 93, 95-99
 - Psalm 105, 106

Psalm 94:14-15
- Scroll V:
 - Psalm 107
 - Psalm 113-118
 - Psalm 119
 - Psalm 120-134
 - Psalm 132
- Psalm 132:17 cf. Luke 1:68-69

CONCLUSION

The Exodus Gospel (Dale Ralph Davis)

The big picture

Sample 1: Exodus 1:1-2:10 *Quiet God at Work*

- I. A promise that steadies us, ch 1
- II. A providence that fascinates us, 2:1-10
- III. A pattern that arrests us, Matt. 2:13-23

Sample 2: Exodus 3:1-15 *The God of the Bush*

- I. The God with a people, vv 1-6
- II. The God with a heart, vv 7-10
- III. The God with a name, vv 11-15

The Cry for the Messiah in the Former Prophets (Dale Ralph Davis)

Or: 'The history of non-Messiahs in the Old Testament'

Introduction:

The standard of Moses, Deut. 34:10-12

The positive view of Joshua's leadership

The witness of **Judges**

- (1) The inculpable inadequacy of the judges, 2:18-19; 4:1
- (2) The growing disappointment in the judges' leadership
[Gideon, Jephthah, Samson]
- (3) The anarchy without kingship, 17:6, 18:1, 19:1, 21:25

The witness of **1-2 Samuel**

- (1) Judgment on unrepentant priestly leadership, 1 Sam 1-4
- (2) The failure of the finest human specimens
- (3) The presentation of David in 2 Sam 9-24

The witness of **1-2 Kings**

- (1) The unprecedented advantages & final disillusionment with Solomon
- (2) The immediate failure of Jeroboam I
- (3) The hijacking of kingship by 'antichrist' Ahab
- (4) The godliness & influence yet limitation of Josiah

The witness of **1-2 Chronicles**

Focus on 2 Chron. 10-36; the central concern & disappointing trend

The witness of **Ezra-Nehemiah**

The reform movement seems to end in a whimper

An *implicit* messianism...

How might we preach Messiah Jesus from the Former Prophets I & II (Dale Ralph Davis)

I. From the heart of a text.

E.g., 2 Kings 11:1-3; 1 Kings 11:26-40

II. From the pattern of a text.

E.g., 1 Sam. 16:13 & following; 1 Sam. 24:1-6; 2 Sam. 2:1-4

III. From the principles in a text

E.g., 1 Kings 12:25-33 (esp 26-27); 1 Sam. 23:1-13

IV. From the details or peculiarities of a text

Caution here; e.g., 1 Kings 21; 2 Kings 4:2

V. From the application of a text

E.g., 1 Kings 14:1-6; 2 Kings 8:3-6; 2 Kings 10:30-33

VI. From the anticipations of a text

E.g., 2 Kings 4:32-37

VII. From the assumptions of a text

E.g., 1 Chron. 3:17-24

Summary/closing sample: Judges 3:12-30 (if time)

Preaching Christ from the Psalms (II) (Wei En Yi)

How CAN I DO IT?

(1) Survey-type

(2) Thematic

Refuge (*chacad*) metaphor: Psalm 2:12

Psalm 7:1, 34:8, 34:22, 36:7, 37:40, 57:1,
118:8-9, 46:1, 62:8

Psalm 59:16, 61:3, 62:7

Kingship theme:

Isaiah 30:2

Psalm 84:9, 89:18

Psalm 45-48 cluster

Psalm 90-99 cluster

(3) Each Psalm

* Psalm category: (i) (ii)

(iii) (iv)

(v) (vi)

* New Testament usage: Colossians 3:16

Mark 12:10-11 cf. Psalm 118:22-23

Acts 2:25-28 cf. Psalm 16:8-11

Acts 2:34-35 cf. Psalm 110:1

Hebrews 2:11-12 cf. Psalm 22:22

Hebrews 10:5-7 cf. Psalm 40:6-8

Psalm 103

Psalm 142

Preaching Jesus as Servant from Isaiah (Dale Ralph Davis)

Overall summary of the 'Servant' passages:

- I. The Servant for the captive
Or: The Servant of the grace of God, 42:1-9
- II. The Servant for the distant
Or: The Servant of the plan of God, 49:1-13
- III. The Servant for the weary
Or: The Servant of the word of God, 50:4-11
- IV. The Servant for the guilty
Or: The Servant under the wrath of God, 52:13-53:12

Sample 1: *The Hope of the World Is a Servant*, Isa. 42:1-4

- I. Look how sufficient he is, 1a in context
- II. Look how delightful he is, 1b
- III. Look how unusual he is, 2-3
- IV. Look how successful he is, 4

Sample 2: *The Servant for the Weary*, Isa. 50:4-11

- I. The Disciple skilled in Yahweh's word, 4
- II. The Sufferer submissive to Yahweh's will, 5-6 + 10-11
- III. The Believer sure of Yahweh's help, vv 7-9

Preaching Jesus as King from Micah (Dale Ralph Davis)

Overview:

A. 1:2-2:13	1:1-2:11	=	judgment
	2:12-13	=	grace/hope
B. 3:1-5:15	3:1-12	=	judgment
	4:1-5:15	=	grace/hope
C. 6:1-7:20	6:1-7:7	=	judgment
	7:8-20	=	grace/hope

- I. Through judgment to preservation, chs 1-2
- II. Through judgment to peace, chs 3-5
- III. Through judgment to pardon, chs 6-7

Samples:

Micah 2:1-13 *Preachers are problems*

- I. The proclamation of a severe word, 1-5
- II. The pressure for a smooth word, 6-11
- III. The persistence of a saving word, 12-13 [focus here]

Micah 4:1-5 *When the Reformation will be complete*

- I. The surprise of God's kingdom, v 1
- II. The passion for God's word, vv 1c-2
- III. The impact of God's justice, v 3
- IV. The enjoyment of God's peace, v 4

Conclusion: the path of God's remnant, v 5

Preaching Jesus' Doctrine from Habakkuk (Dale Ralph Davis)

Getting behind Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews....Hab 2:4 in context

Sample one: Habakkuk 2:2-5 *The faith the righteous live by*

- I. The anchor of faith, vv 2b-3 (+ 6ff.)
- II. The loneliness of faith, v 4a
- III. The doggedness of faith, v 4b
- IV. The opportunity of faith, vv 4-5

Sample two: Habakkuk 3:16-19 *The times the righteous face*

Relation to 2:4

- I. The turmoil faith can know, v 16
- II. The destitution faith may face, v 17 (+18a)
- III. The joy faith can confess, vv 18-19b
- IV. The tradition faith should receive, v 19c

10 Questions to Ask to Benefit from a Conference/Special Event (Donald S. Whitney)

I've had the privilege of attending countless conferences & other special events. Some were primarily inspirational, others were mainly instructive, & many were for the purpose of conducting business, hearing reports, & connecting with people. They usually last from half-a-day to several days in length. Afterward, however—regardless of how much I enjoyed myself or how profitable the experience seemed at the time—I often reflect upon the resources I've devoted to attendance & wonder if I have benefited from the conference/event as much as I could have. Having invested hours or days of my life in this way, I want to know that it's been time well spent. To better ensure good stewardship of the opportunity, I have developed these 10 questions.

1. What's the single most important truth I have learned at this conference / event?
2. What's the most important thing in my life that will be different or I will attempt to change as a result of attending this conference/event?
3. What's the next step I should take to incorporate this change into my life?
4. What's the single most important resource I should acquire at or after this conference/event?
5. When will I begin to read/listen to/utilize this resource?
6. Who is one person at this conference/event with whom I should discuss this conference/event?

7. Who is one person after this conference/event with whom I should discuss something from this conference/event?
8. Who is the one person at this conference/event I most need to encourage?
9. Who is someone who has helped to organize or serve at this conference/event who deserves a word of gratitude and would be encouraged to know of the impact of this conference/event in my life?
10. What's one thing I should pray about for myself and for others as a result of this conference/event?

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