

(Clip) What Is Preaching

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Scripture: Isaiah 52:7, Romans 10:14, 1 Corinthians 1:23, 2 Timothy 4:2, Acts 20:24

Topics: "Proclaiming the King's Message", "The Urgency of Repentance"

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Transcript

What is preaching? The word here, preach, is the word herald. Herald. It's not teaching.

It's not conversing. It's not sharing. It's heralding.

Heralding, before there was internet or television or radio or telephones or telegraph, was what a town crier did to bring messages, for example, from the king. And it would sound like this. Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye.

And the people start to gather. They know that's the voice. That's the herald.

The herald standing in the town square. Hear ye, hear ye. You take your scroll.

The king has a message for you from the royal scroll with the imperial seal. All of you who have hated the king, belittled the king, conspired against the king, are hereby instructed and invited and compelled by the king, at cost of your life, to appear before his representative and lay down the arms of your rebellion. And if you will lay down the arms of your rebellion, and you will swear fealty to your king, he will, because of the sacrifice of his son, on that day pardon all your treason and all your discountencing of his glory.

And at a time appointed by his counsel, he will come to you, and he will live with you, and he will adopt you into his family, and you will receive every conceivable blessing in his treasures. Thus saith the king. That's heralding.

It's not teaching. Oh, it's got teaching in it. We call it Bethlehem expository exaltation.

It's a preacher loving what he has seen, and being so thrilled with it, he just, do you see what the king has for you?

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