



Christian Art of Preaching

**Pathfinder Honour
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10 Requirements (1-4)

1. Discuss the reasons / benefits of earning a Christian Art of Preaching Honour.
2. Define homiletic and cite your resources.
3. Define exegesis and cite your resources.
4. Investigate the meaning and history of oratory.
 - a. Define oratory
 - b. Research a few of the great speakers of Adventist history, making a brief report of:
 - i. A speaker from our early beginnings
 - ii. A speaker from our modern history
 - iii. A distinguished speaker in your country
 - c. Cite your sources



10 Requirements (5)

- 5. Briefly describe the following, in terms of a sermon:

Characteristics:

- a. Thematic sermon
- b. Expository sermon
- c. Textual sermon

Parts:

- a. Introduction
- b. Body
- c. Illustration
- d. Call
- e. Conclusion



10 Requirements (6, 7)

- **6. Show the appropriate use of these tools:**
 - a. Biblical dictionary**
 - b. Biblical concordance**
 - c. Thematic Study Bibles**
 - d. Online sources (Bibles, dictionaries, concordances, study aids, illustrations)**
- **7. Prepare and present a detailed outline of a sermon in writing**



10 Requirements (8, 9)

8. Do one of the following activities:

- a. Participate in a course on Christian preaching (obtain a certificate)**
- b. Preach for a church worship (turn in the sermon outline)**
- c. Present a brief summary on an event that the Club or the church participated in. Have the outline of, at least, ten Christian sermons**

9. Participate (or have participated) in the preaching at your church (or a district church) at least four times in the period of a year.



10 Requirements (10)

- **10. Obtain, for your personal collection, a book of sermon illustrations.**

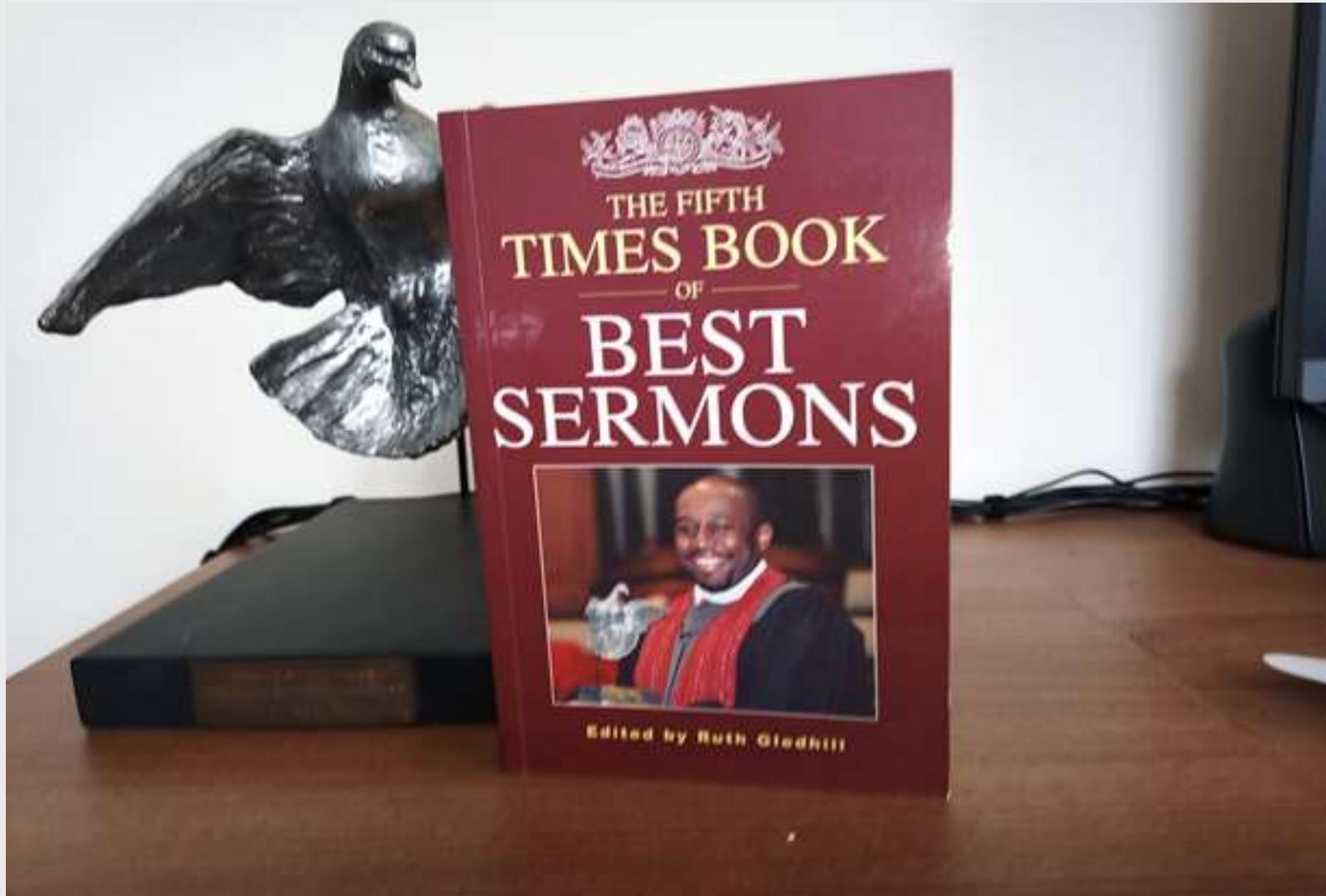


10 Requirements

We will cover 1 - 4 a. i.

Your homework will be 4 b. ii. - 10

These are not the benefits of preaching:



Real benefits of preaching:

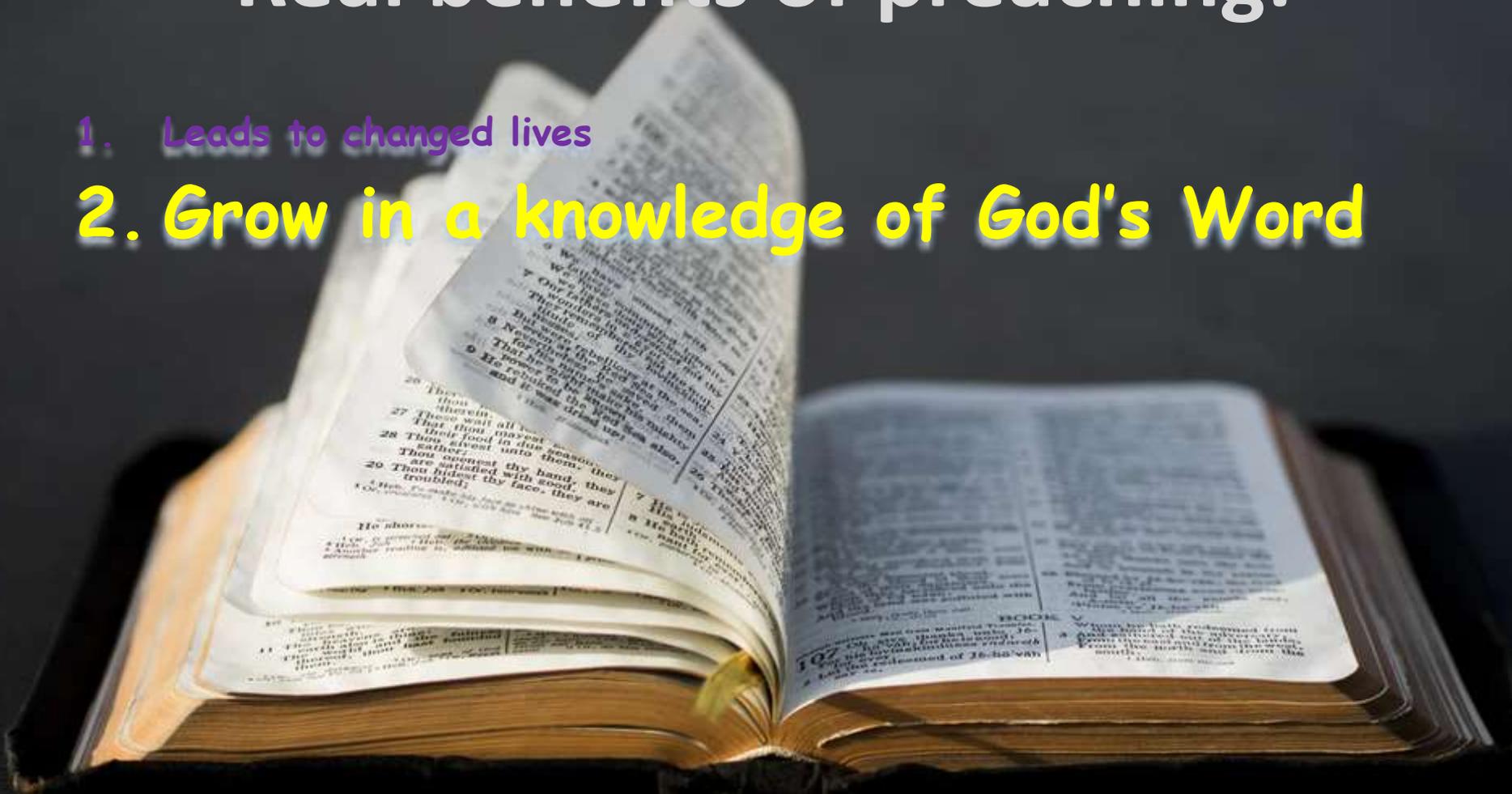
1. Changed lives



Real benefits of preaching:

1. Leads to changed lives

2. Grow in a knowledge of God's Word



A person in a white robe stands in a dark space, illuminated by a bright, vertical beam of light that creates a hazy, ethereal atmosphere. The person is seen from behind, looking up towards the light source.

Real benefits of preaching:

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2. Grow in a knowledge of God's Word
3. Come to know Jesus

A collection of various power tools including drills, sanders, and a wrench on a wooden workbench. The tools are arranged around the central text, with a yellow and black drill at the top right, a grey and yellow drill on the left, a black and grey sander at the bottom right, and a wrench at the bottom center. The background is a light-colored wooden surface.

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5. Preacher grows in confidence

Different words for preaching:

- **Homily/ Homiletics (Ancient Greek: ὁμιλητικός homilētikós, from homilos, "assembled crowd, throng" , in religion, is the application of the general principles of rhetoric to the specific art of public preaching. One who practices or studies homiletics may be called a homilist, or more colloquially a preacher.**

Different word for preaching:

- **Oratory... which is the art of skilful and effective public speaking**

<https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/oratory>



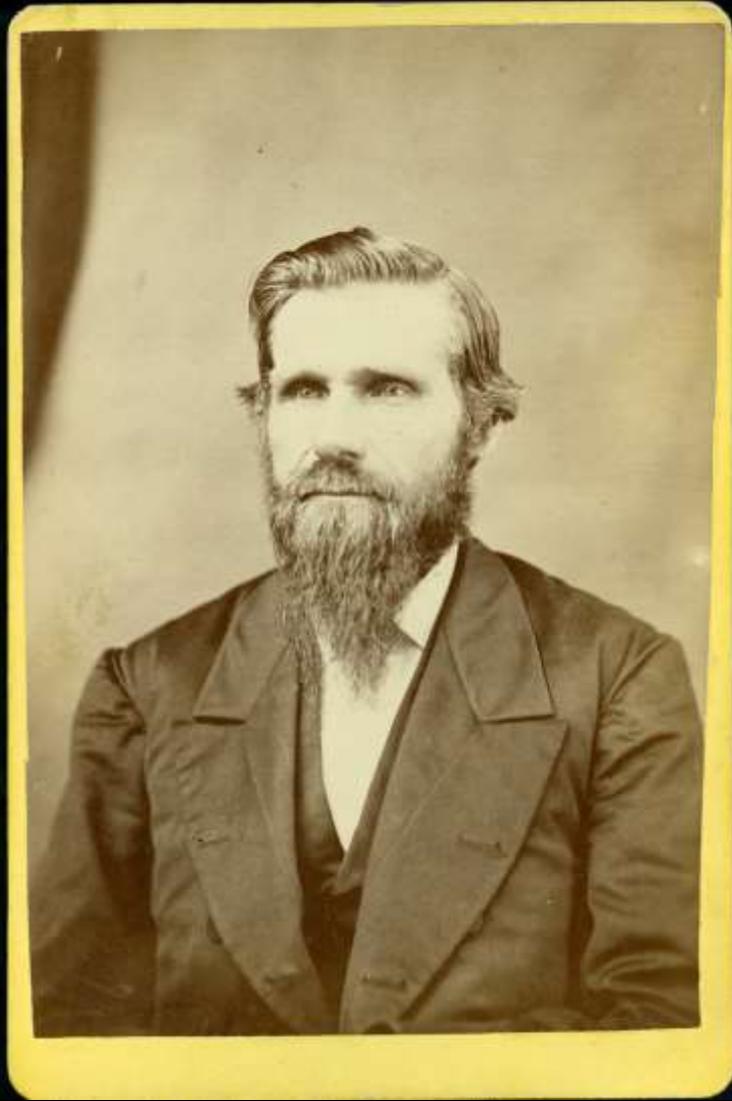
**Preaching,
homily, oratory**

**Can be extremely
beneficial or
dangerous in the
wrong mouths,
Christians & others**





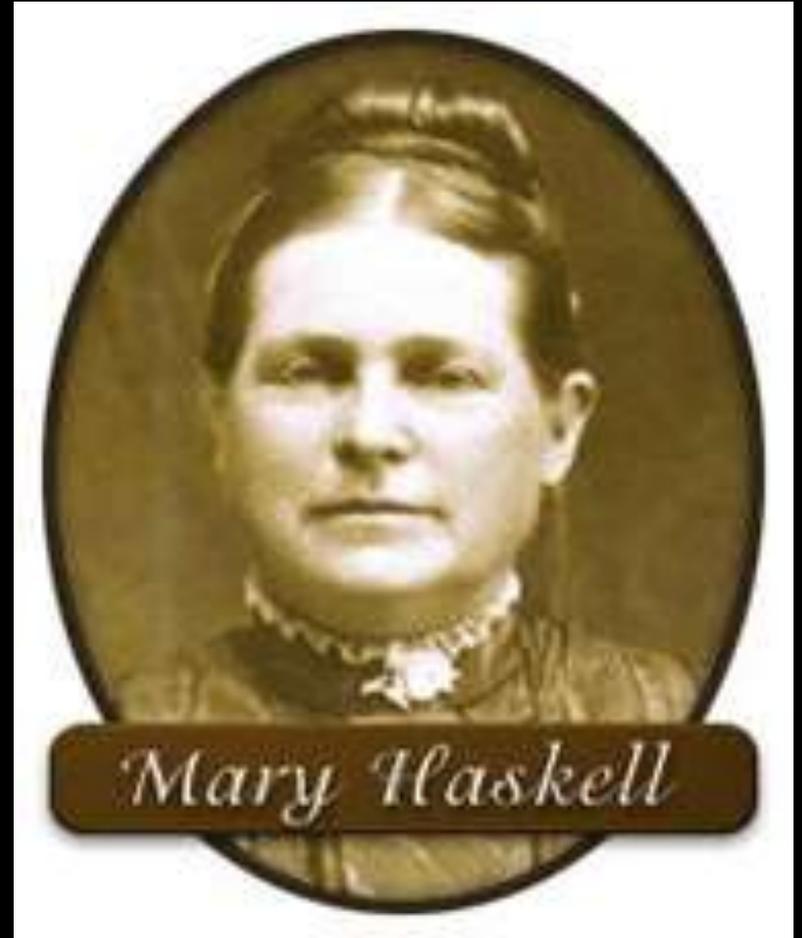
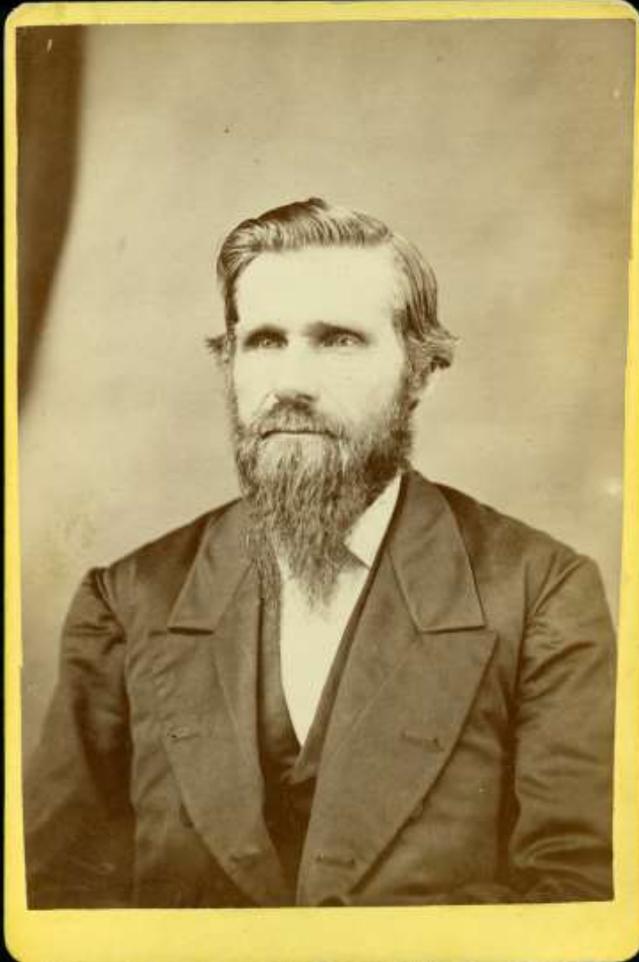
Stephen Nelson Haskell (1833-1922)



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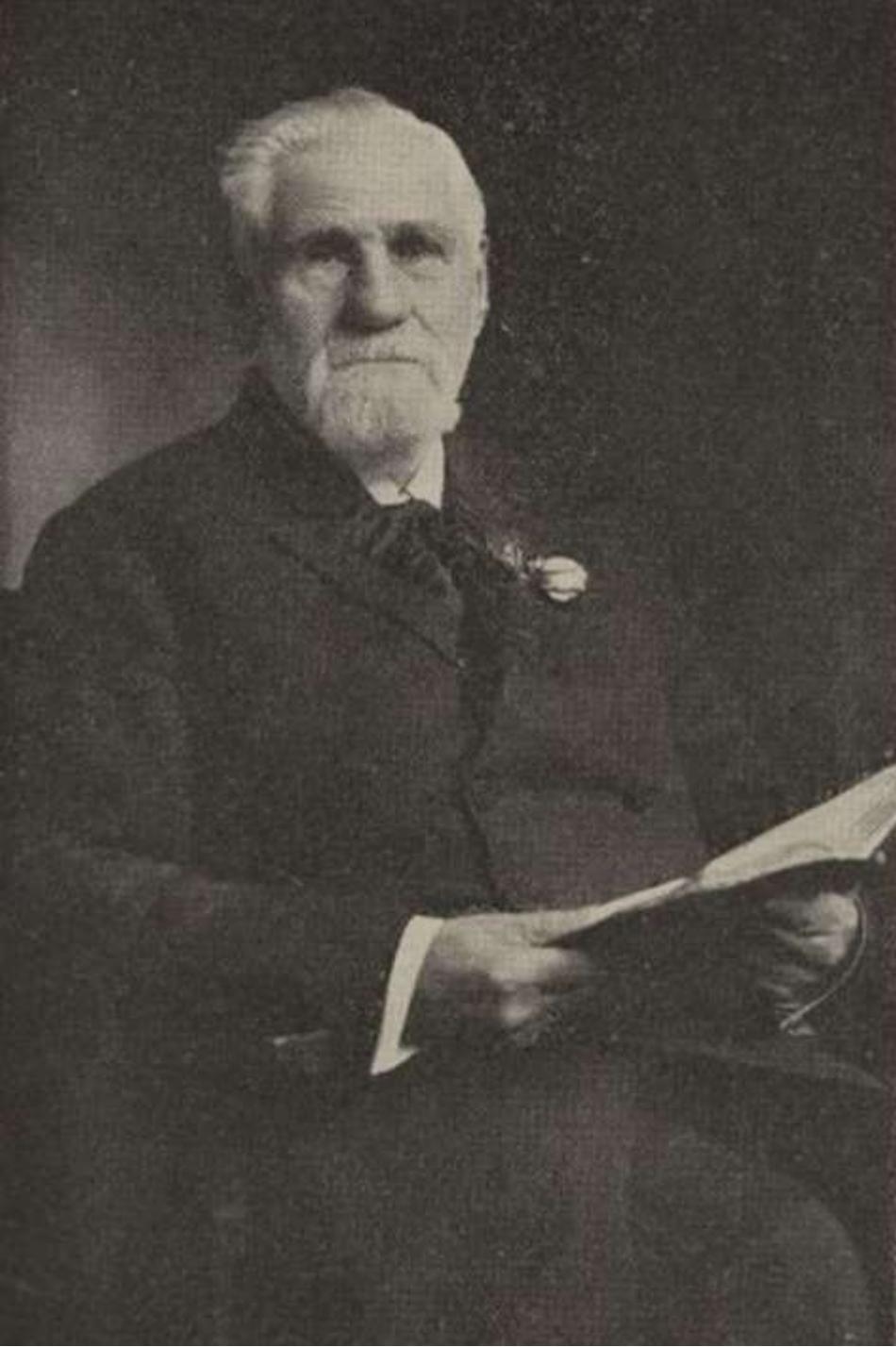
married Mary Haskell (1812-1894)

when he was 17 and Mary 38!





**1853 (age 19):
Haskell accepted
the Sabbath &
the Second
Coming of Jesus**



**Age 19: Haskell
became self-
supporting
preacher- this is not
what he looked like
at age 19... we just
have few pictures of
the young S N
Haskell**

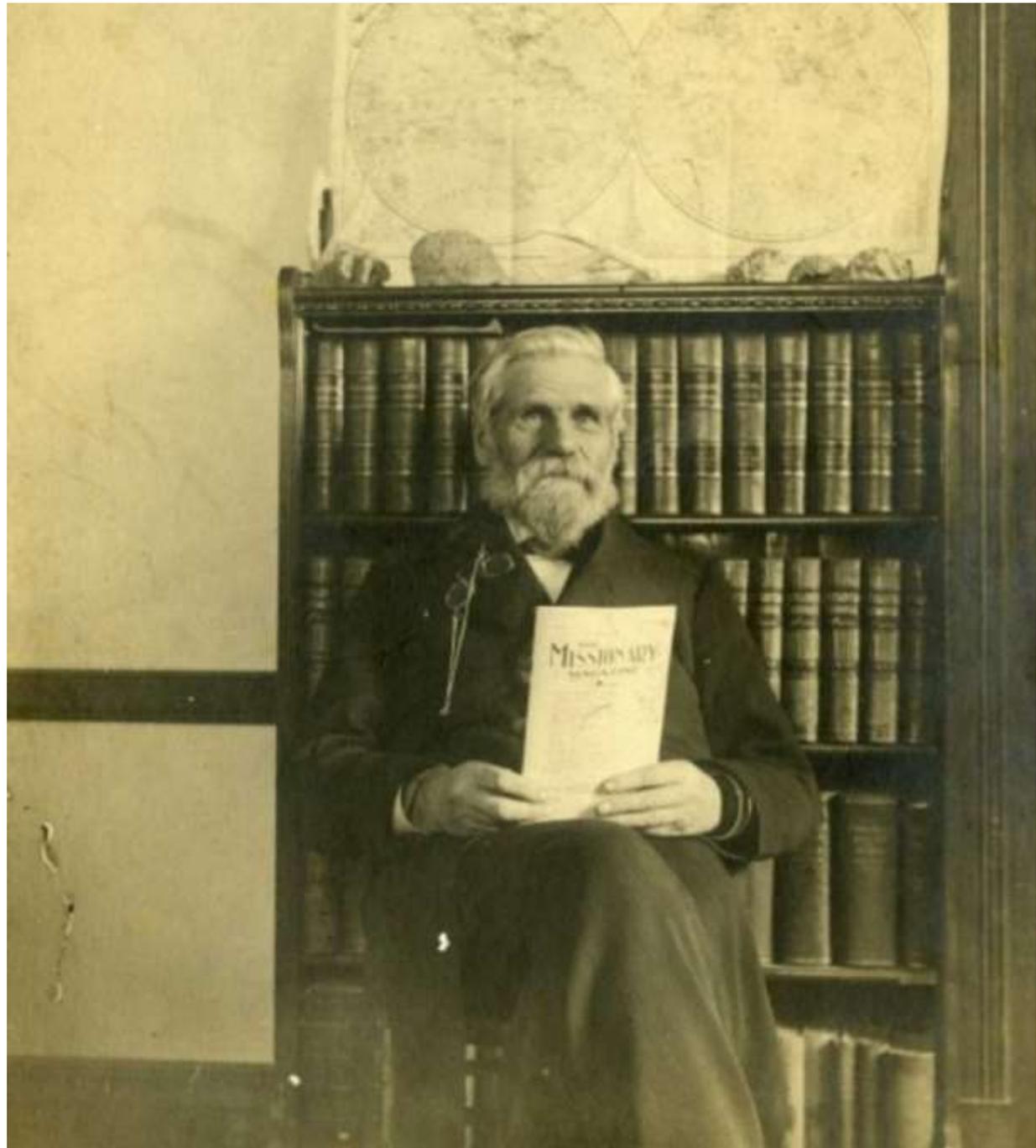
Haskell... highlights

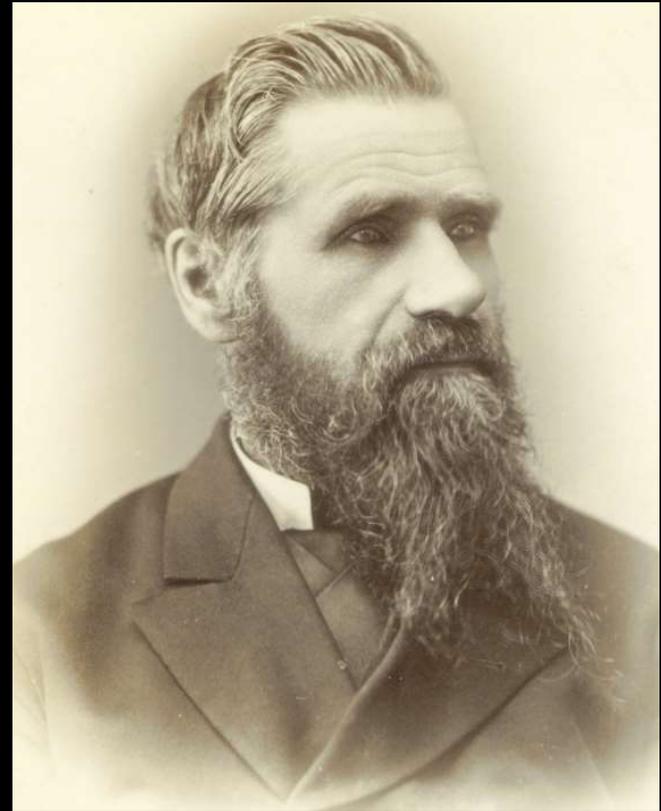
Haskell was soon regarded as a tremendous preacher... and among his accomplishments

1. Ordained to ministry
2. New England Conference President
3. Helped found Atlantic Union College
4. Established 1st Tract & Missionary Society
5. Missionary: Africa, Australia

**Following
the death
of Mary...**

**Haskell
proposed
marriage
to...**







1897 he
married Hetty
Hurd in
Australia
following a
suggestion from
Ellen White



Haskell
preached at
1 of the 3
funeral
services for
Ellen White

***“Blessed are the dead which
die in the Lord from
henceforth”*** (Rev. 14:13)

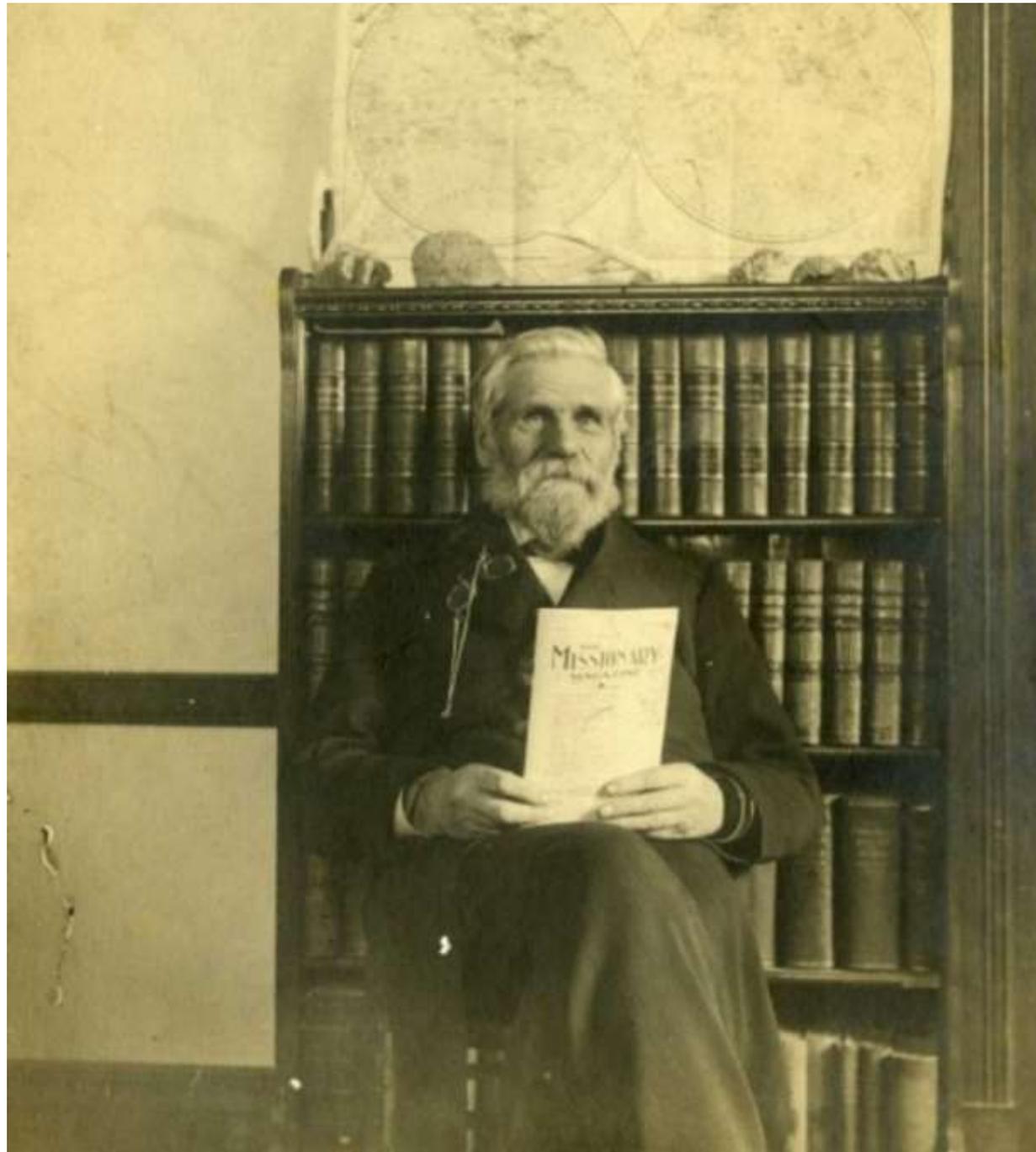




We have no question in reference to the faithfulness of our dear sister. She has been faithful and true as far as lay in her power to accomplish the work that God gave her to do. . . . She has met the foe, Death; she has surrendered; but her works live. Being dead, she speaks and will speak as long as souls can be saved in this world.

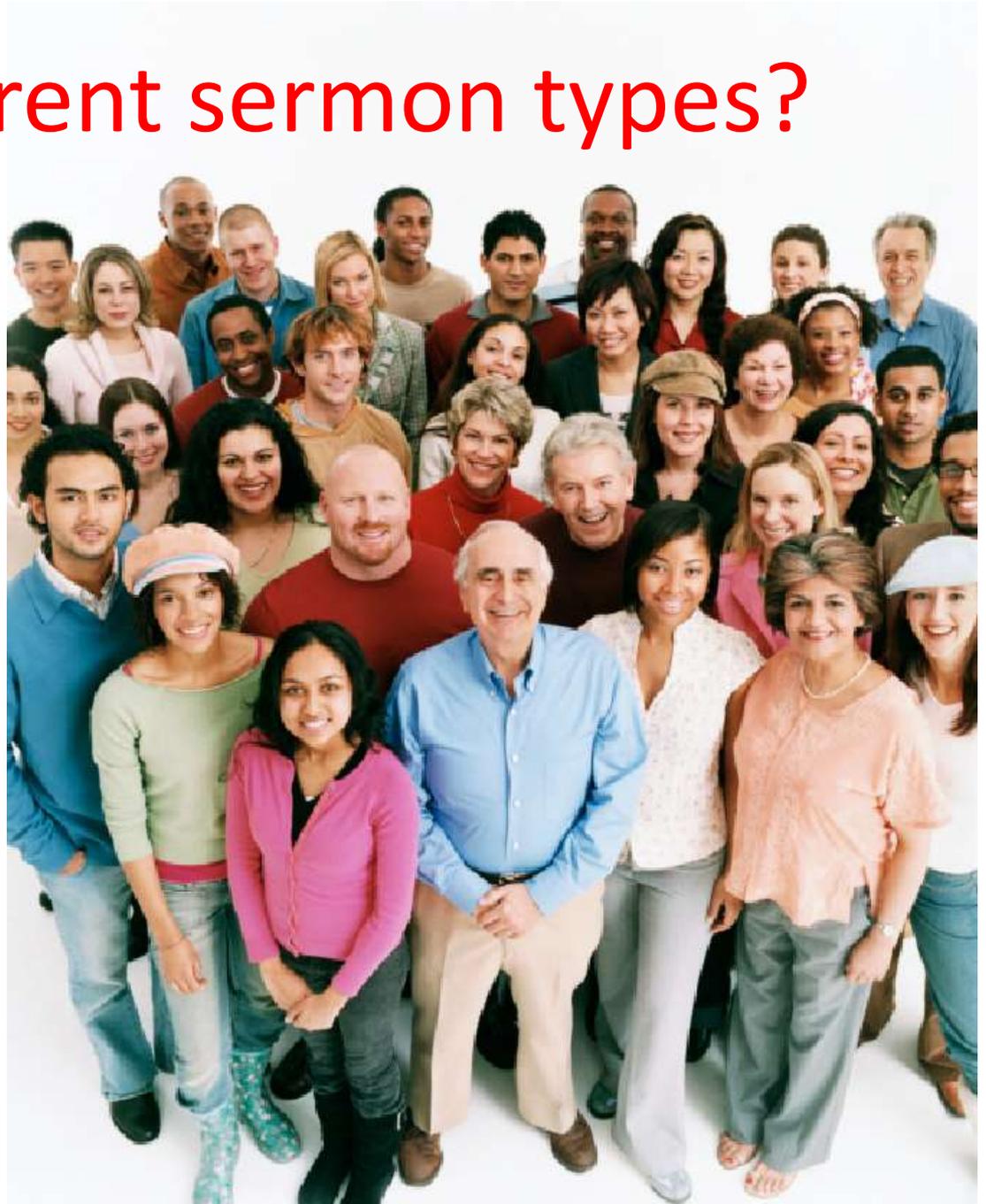
**Although a
renowned
preacher, Ellen
White told him he
“should do less
preaching and
more teaching!**

**This birthed...
Bible readings &
lessons**



Why different sermon types?

**People have
different needs!**



Didactic: (teaching particularly morals)

**Purpose: presentation of
Biblical principles and ideals
e.g Matthew chapters 5 - 7**



Devotional Preaching

Purpose: draw listener
toward God in adoration
and homage e.g. Luke
24.13-32



Evangelistic Preaching

A black and white photograph capturing a large-scale evangelistic preaching event. The scene is dominated by a vast, dense crowd of people, filling the frame from the foreground to the background. In the lower right foreground, a preacher is seen on a stage, gesturing towards the audience. The overall atmosphere is one of a significant public gathering.

Purpose:

present central themes of Bible to reach hearts and acceptance of Christ

Prophetic sermons

A painting depicting a prophet preaching to a crowd in a biblical setting. The prophet, an elderly man with a white beard, stands on a raised platform, gesturing with his arms raised. He is wearing a long, dark robe with a red sash. The crowd, consisting of men, women, and children, is gathered around him, many with their arms raised in response. The background shows a stone building and a hilly landscape.

Purpose: preaching to the times from a Biblical perspective... **Amos 5:10-15**

Apologetic sermons

**Purpose: a defence of the Christian position
e.g. 1 Peter 3.15**

**But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and
be ready always to give an answer to every
man that asketh you a reason of the hope
that is in you with meekness and fear:**

Acts 17.16- 34



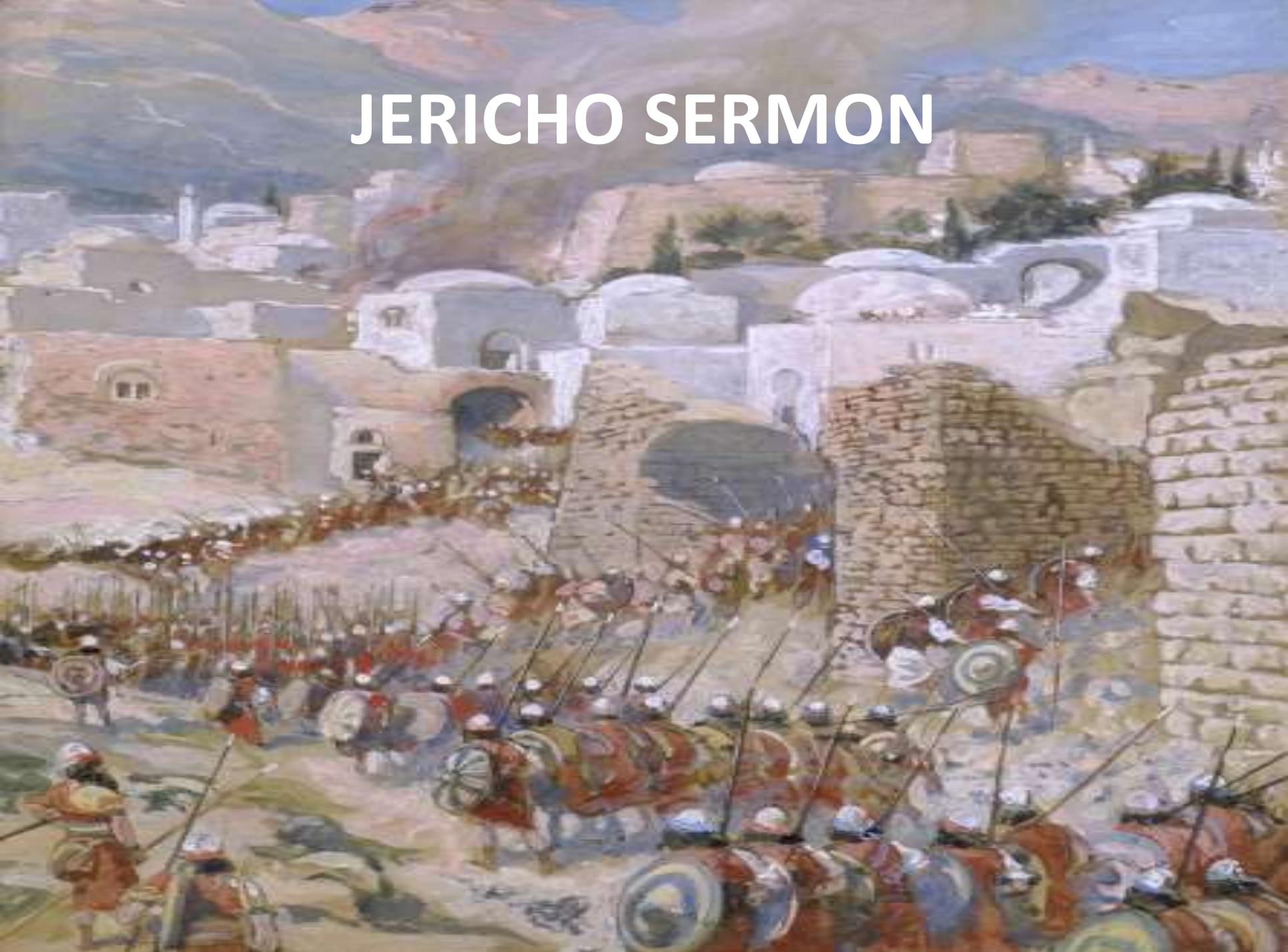
BUFFET SERMON





PARROT SERMON

JERICHO SERMON





ROCKING CHAIR SERMON



Thematic Sermons

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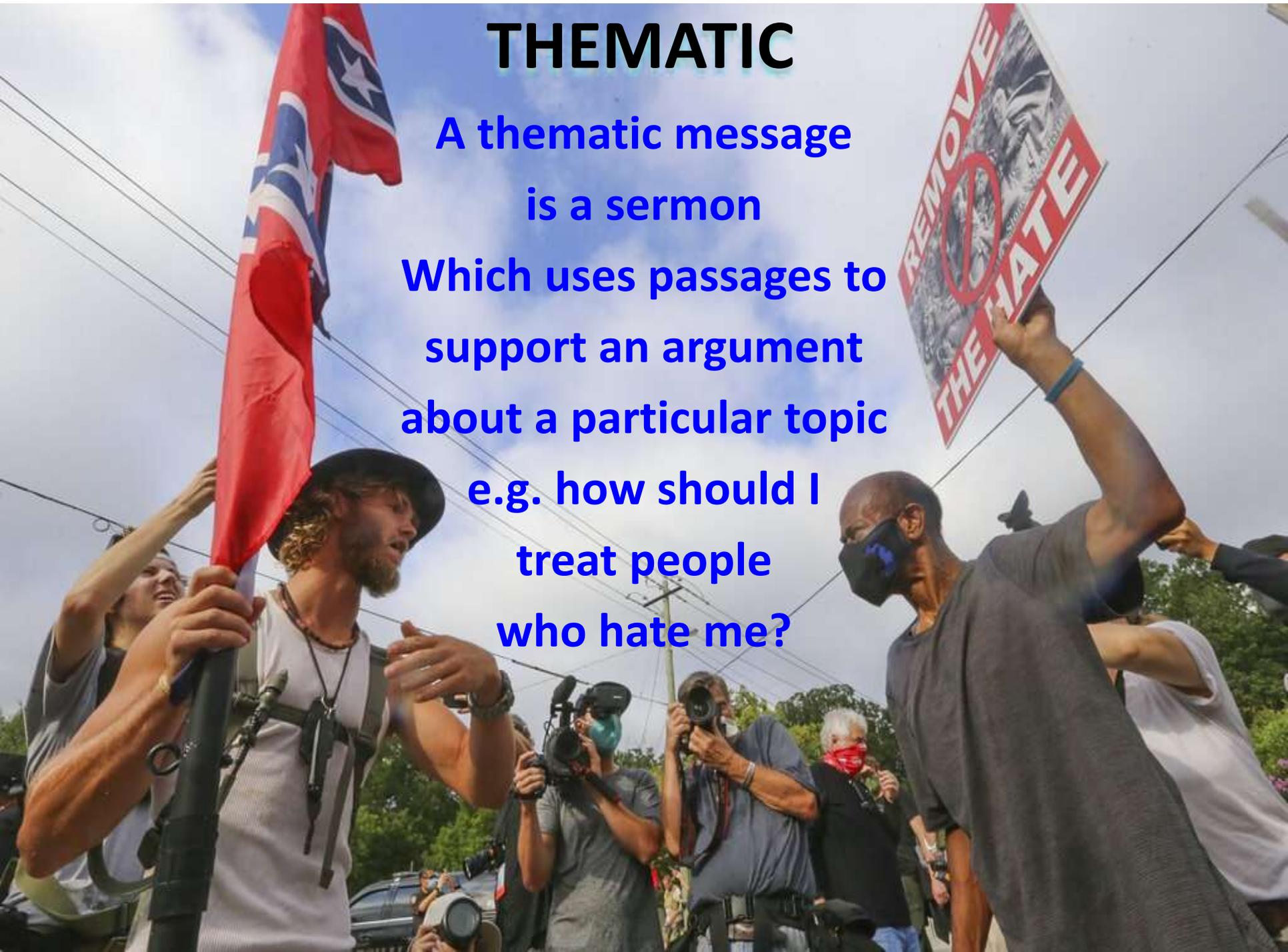


THEMATIC

A thematic message
is a sermon

Which uses passages to
support an argument
about a particular topic

e.g. how should I
treat people
who hate me?



Thematic/topical sermon



Purpose: address issues faced by hearers from a Biblical perspective.

Thematic sermon- how to prepare

1. Define topic narrowly
2. Think through your Bible passages
3. Limit your Bible passages
4. Do faithful exegesis/interpreting of the Bible
5. Read the scripture through the eyes of others
6. How does passage & topic change me?



Textual Sermons

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TEXTUAL



A singular passage

of the Bible is used as a jumping point to discuss a particular theme eg. John 3:16 love is giving.



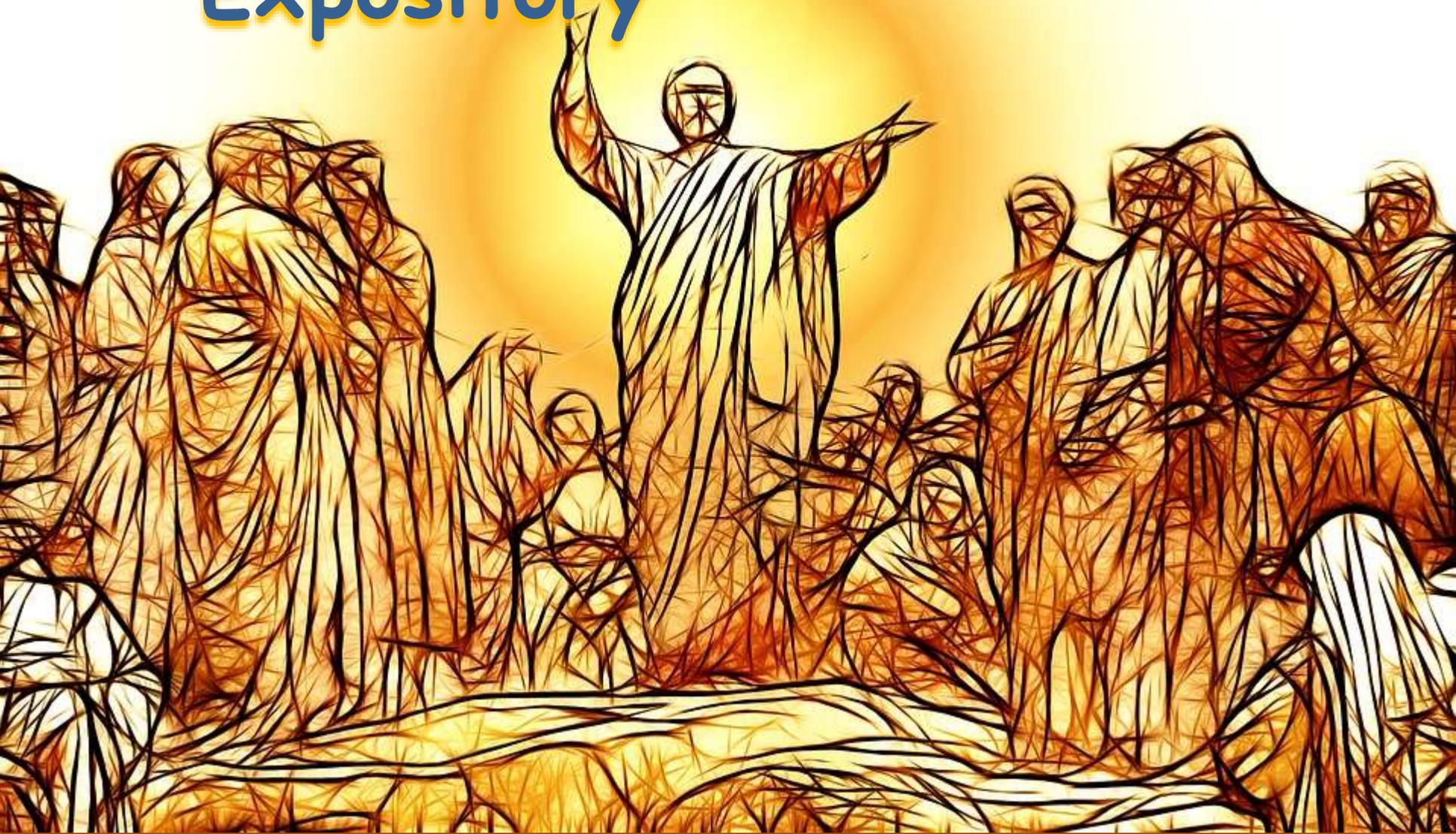
Expository Sermons

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Expository



Purpose: to explain or clarify scripture



Explain Matthew 24:4-8

**Every sermon
needs a sermon
structure**

**But the skeleton should
not be obvious**



Good sermons have



A good structure and foundation

Which is most important?

Introduction vs Conclusion



Introduction suggestion #1



1. Get on with it!

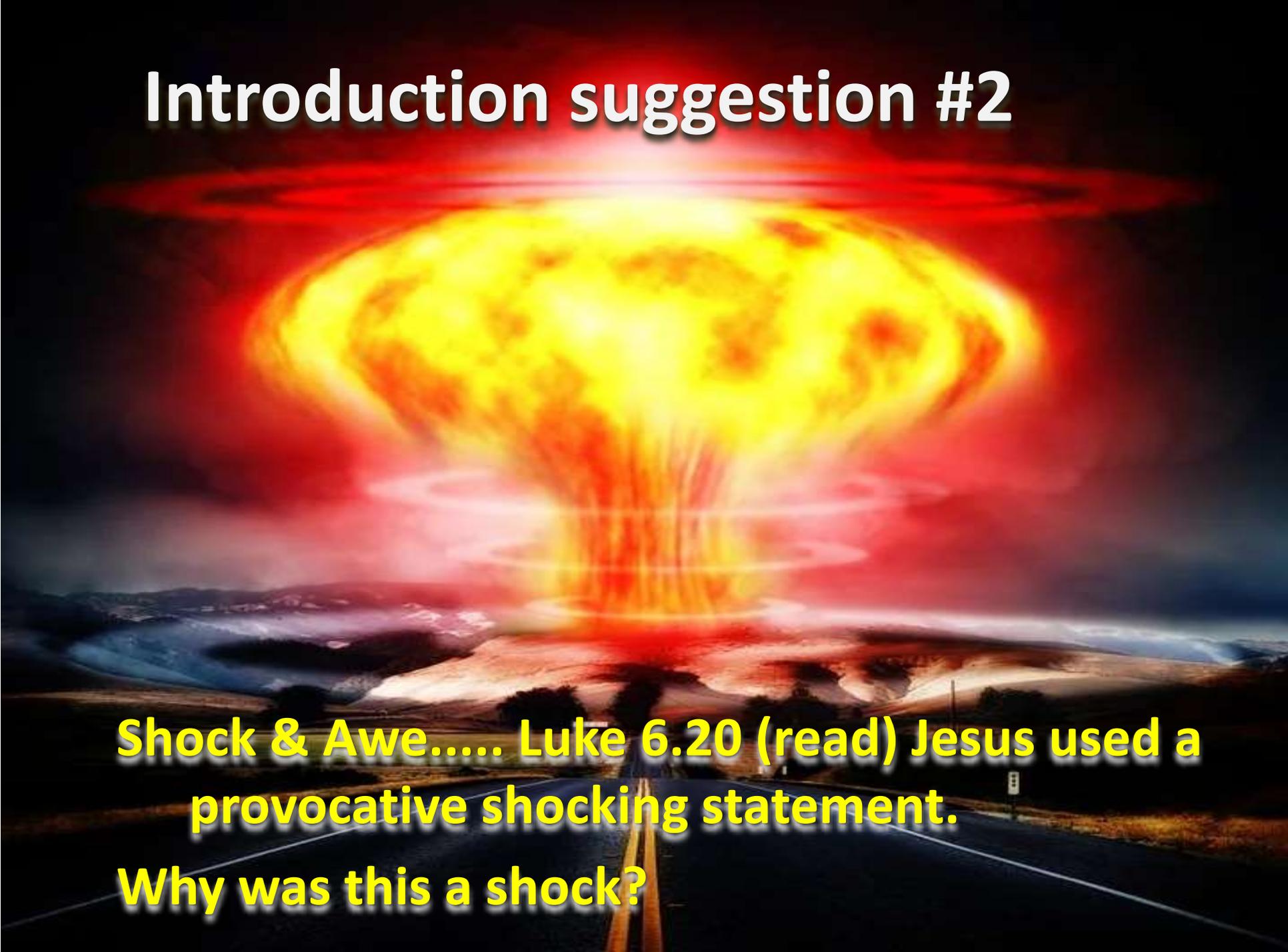
GET ON WITH IT!

Many speakers waste their time and strength in long preliminaries and excuses. Some use nearly half an hour in making apologies; thus time is wasted, and when they reach their subject and try to fasten the points of truth in the minds of their hearers, the people are wearied out and cannot see their force.

Instead of apologizing because he is about to address the people, the minister should begin as if he knew that he was bearing a message from God.



Introduction suggestion #2

A large, glowing yellow and orange mushroom cloud explosion dominates the upper half of the image. The cloud is bright and fiery, with a dark, smoky base. Below the cloud, a road with a yellow double line leads towards the horizon, flanked by a landscape of rolling hills and fields. The sky is dark and cloudy, with a red glow emanating from the explosion. The overall scene is dramatic and intense.

Shock & Awe..... Luke 6.20 (read) Jesus used a provocative shocking statement.

Why was this a shock?

Introduction suggestion #3

Use a powerful quotation



Introduction suggestion #4

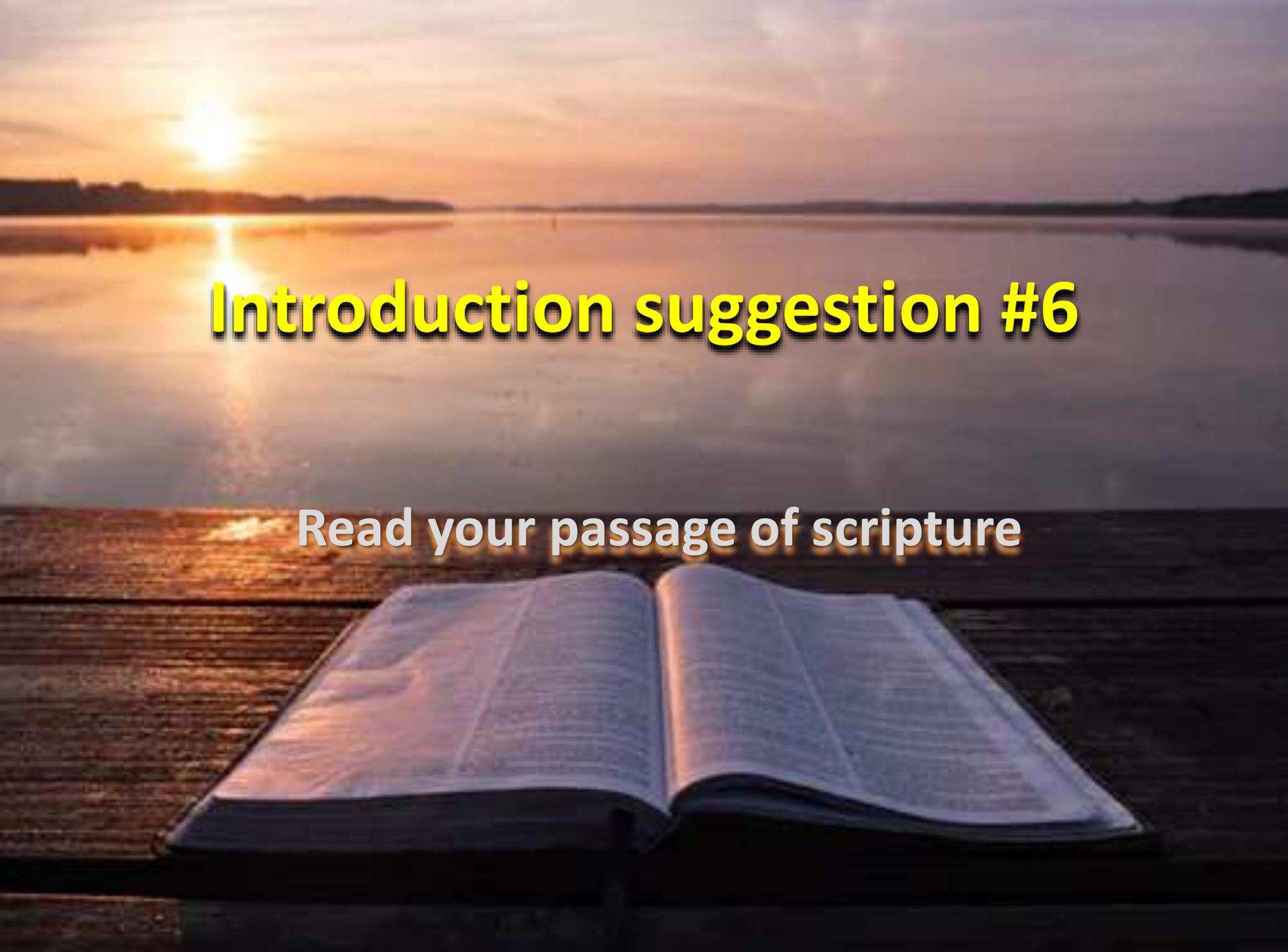


Use an engaging story or illustration

Introduction suggestion #5



Pose a question

An open book with white pages and a dark cover lies on a wooden pier. The background features a calm lake reflecting the warm, golden light of a setting sun. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and contemplative.

Introduction suggestion #6

Read your passage of scripture

SUN SCHOOL
9:00 AM

WORSHIP
10:00 AM

SUN EVENING
7:00 PM

**COME HEAR OUR PASTOR
HE'S NOT VERY GOOD
BUT HE'S SHORT**

www.claycitychristian.com

**A good way
to start....**

3 point sermon

Principles for your sermon structure

Unity

A top-down view of approximately ten hands of various skin tones clasped together in a circle. The hands are positioned in a way that suggests a group hug or a team huddle. The background is a patterned fabric, possibly a rug or carpet, with green and yellow tones. The overall mood is one of solidarity and shared purpose.



**Principles
for your
sermon
structure**

Order



sermon structure
Principles for
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Symmetry

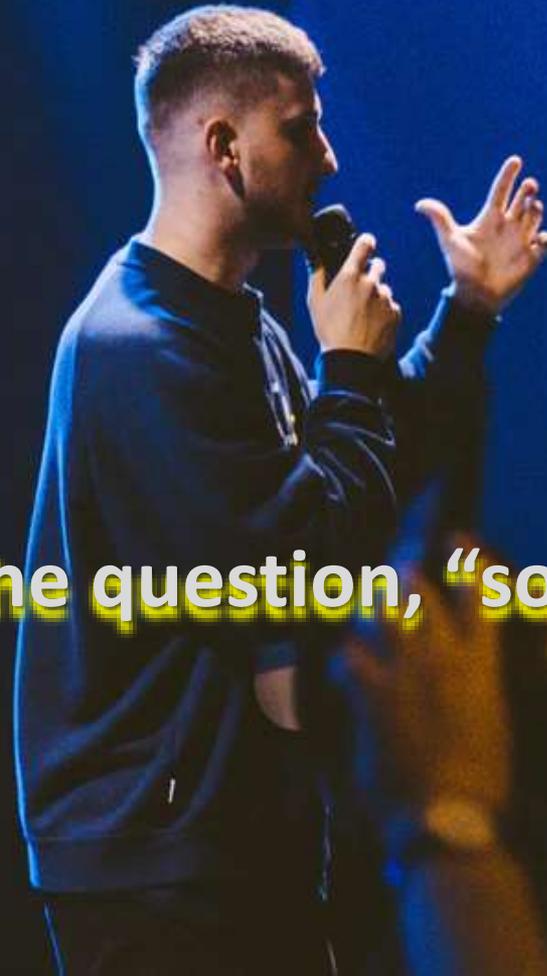
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Progress

Conclusion....

Purpose: answers the question, “so what now?”





Conclusion

Land the plane

Making your preaching more effective...

Understand & apply 4 points of communication & preaching



#1: The Golden Rule of Communication



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**If they haven't heard it....
You haven't said it!**







**If they
haven't
heard
it....
You
haven't
said it!**

**Even
Jesus
struggled
with this
one....
John
2.19-22**

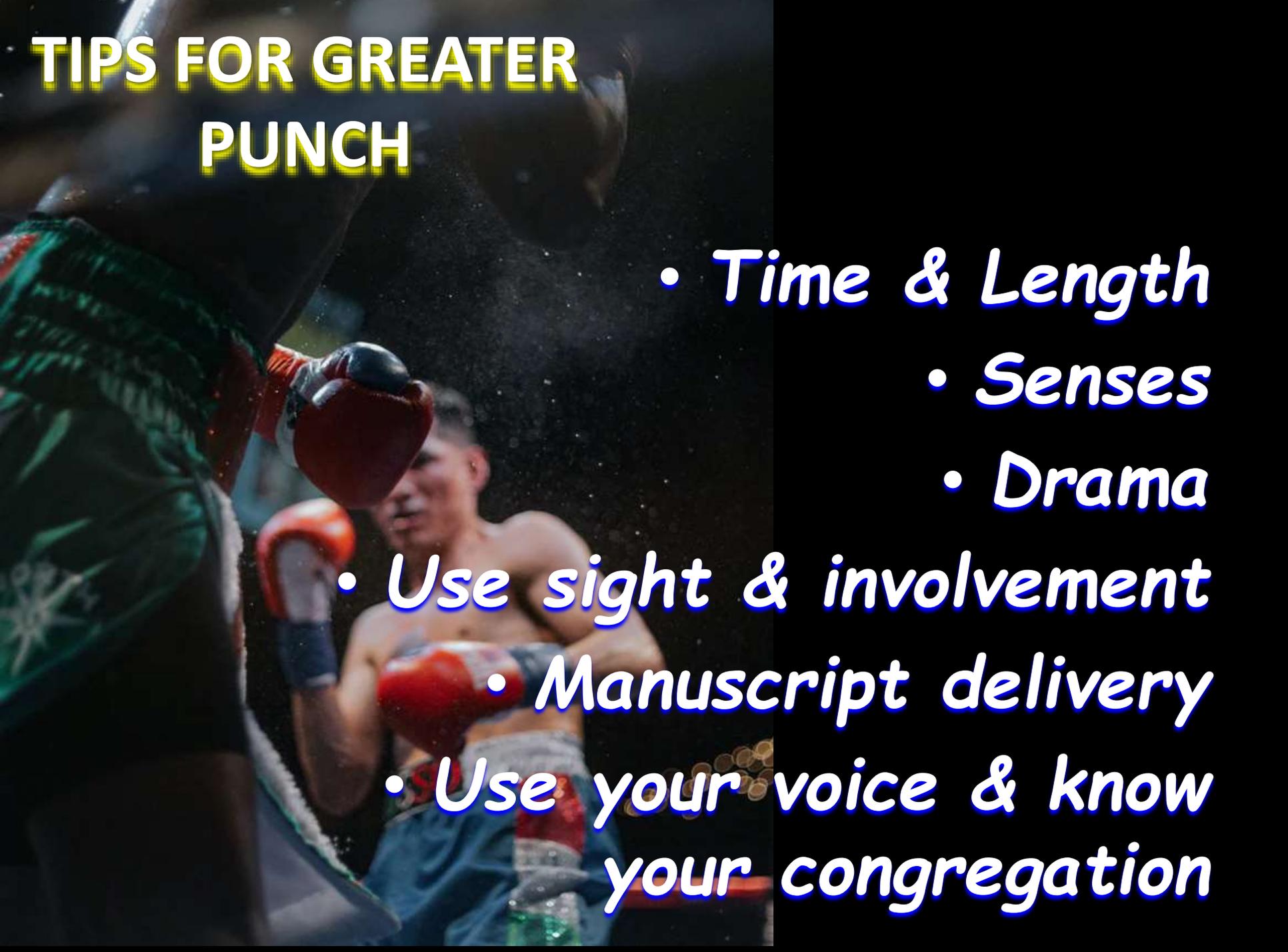
What did you hear?



**#2: Delivery is EVERYTHING!
...Well not quite**



TIPS FOR GREATER PUNCH



- *Time & Length*
 - *Senses*
 - *Drama*
- *Use sight & involvement*
- *Manuscript delivery*
- *Use your voice & know your congregation*

BE ENERGIZED!

If you have the quickening grace of Christ to energize your movements, you will put earnestness into your sermons. Your subject will be clear and well-defined in your mind. You will not be lengthy in your remarks, neither will you speak hesitatingly, as though you did not yourself believe what you were saying. Ellen White Review & Herald April 6, 1886.



Ministers of the gospel should know how to speak with power and expression, making the words of eternal life so expressive and impressive that the hearers cannot but feel their weight. I am pained as I hear the defective voices of many of our ministers. Such ministers rob God of the glory He might have if they had trained themselves to speak the word with power.

Gospel Workers p.87

PREACH SHORTER!

Long discourses and tedious prayers are positively injurious to a religious interest, and fail to carry conviction to the consciences of the people. This propensity for speech-making frequently dampens a religious interest that might have produced great results.

4 Testimonies p.261

**#3: Answer the
question... So
what?**



Now the minister is not merely to present the Word of God in such a manner as to convince of sin in a general way, but he is to lift up Christ before his hearers. Christ's claims upon them are to be made plain. The people should be urged to decide just now to be on the Lord's side.--*Letter 29, 1890.*





To get a
decision
you
must.....
Ask for a
decision



I must
believe that
the Holy
Spirit can
use me to
reach
someone for
Christ

#4 PREACH THE WORD

(2 Tim 4:1 NIV) "In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: " (2 Tim 4:2 NIV) "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction."(2 Tim 4:3 NIV) "For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."(2 Tim 4:4 NIV) "They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths."



Biblical preaching has many advantages:

- *Preacher grapples with Scriptures*
 - *It is authoritative*
- *Instructs and educates the listener*
- *Enables preacher to handle difficult issues*



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