# "PERSUASIVE PREACHING"

## ACTS 3:12-26

1. **THE THEME OF THIS PARTICULAR SERMON (3:26)**
   1. The Subject Is *"God"* And What He Has Done & Still Is Doing
      1. He Raised Up His Son, Jesus
      2. He Sent Him Into The World
   2. The Motive Was & Still Is To Bless The World By Turning Its Members From Their Iniquities
2. **A SURVEY OF THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE SERMON (3:12-26)**
   1. Peter Explains What God Has Done To Provide This Potentially World Wide Blessing (3:12-18)
   2. Peter Explains The Responsibility Man has To Procure That Potentially World Wide Blessing (3:19-26)
3. **AN EXAMINATION OF THE DETAILS OF THE SERMON (3:12-26)**
   1. What God Has Done (3:12-18)
      1. He Has & Will Continue To Glorify His Son (3:13)
      2. He Raised Him From The Dead (3:15)
      3. He Fulfilled What He Foretold About The Sufferings Of The Messiah (3:18)
   2. What Man Must Do (3:19-26)
      1. Repent & Be Converted For These Purposes (3:19-21)
         1. So That Your Sins May Be Blotted Out (3:19)
         2. So That You Might Have Spiritual Refreshment (3:19)
         3. So That You Can Be On The Positive End Of The Return Of Christ (3:20)
      2. Repent & Be Converted For These Reasons (3:22-26)
         1. The Argument Of The Scripture In Deut. 18 (3:22-23)
         2. The Abrahamic Covenant (3:25)
         3. The Great Privilege That Particularly The Jews Have Had In The Earth (3:26)
4. **THE CHARACTER OF THE SERMON**
   1. It Is Highly Theological
      1. The Covenants (3:13, 25)
      2. Trinitarian Relations (3:13, 15, 18, 20, 26)
      3. The Inspiration Of The Prophetic Scriptures (3:18, 21)
      4. The Dispensations (3:19-21)
      5. The Ultimate Redemption Of All Things (3:21)
      6. The Soteriology Of The Human Race (3:26)
   2. It Is Highly Christological
      1. Christ Is God's Son *[The Servant]* (3:13 & 26)
      2. Christ Is The Holy One And The Just *[Righteous One]* (3:14)
      3. Christ Is The Prince *[Author]* Of Life (3:15)
      4. Christ Is The Suffering Messiah (3:18)
      5. Christ Is Coming Again (3:20)
      6. Christ Is Carrying Out A Present Session In Heaven (3:21)
      7. Christ Has Done What Was Necessary To Turn Men From Their Sin (3:26)
5. **FINAL ISSUES TO CONSIDER**
   1. Preachers Should Be Precise Theologians, Even When Preaching To The Lost
   2. Persuasive Preaching Is Personal, And Thus Very Often, Confrontational & Exhortational
   3. There Is Never Any Excuse For Disrespect Or Manipulation