

# "PERSUASIVE PREACHING"

## ACTS 3:12-26

### I. THE THEME OF THIS PARTICULAR SERMON (3:26)

- A. 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
- B. The Motive Was & Still Is To Bless The World By Turning Its Members From Their Iniquities

### II. A SURVEY OF THE BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE SERMON (3:12-26)

- A. Peter Explains What God Has Done To Provide This Potentially World Wide Blessing (3:12-18)
- B. Peter Explains The Responsibility Man has To Procure That Potentially World Wide Blessing (3:19-26)

### III. AN EXAMINATION OF THE DETAILS OF THE SERMON (3:12-26)

- A. 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)
- B. What Man Must Do (3:19-26)
  - 1. Repent & Be Converted For These Purposes (3:19-21)
    - a. So That Your Sins May Be Blotted Out (3:19)
    - b. So That You Might Have Spiritual Refreshment (3:19)
    - c. 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)
  - a. The Argument Of The Scripture In Deut. 18 (3:22-23)
  - b. The Abrahamic Covenant (3:25)
  - c. The Great Privilege That Particularly The Jews Have Had In The Earth (3:26)

#### **IV. THE CHARACTER OF THE SERMON**

##### **A. 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)

##### **B. 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)

#### **V. FINAL ISSUES TO CONSIDER**

- A. Preachers Should Be Precise Theologians, Even When Preaching To The Lost
- B. Persuasive Preaching Is Personal, And Thus Very Often, Confrontational & Exhortational
- C. There Is Never Any Excuse For Disrespect Or Manipulation