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Sunday 1st Message

Preach the Word

2 Tim 4:1-8

In worship, there is the authority to save humanity from curses and to crush the head of Satan. The authority is originally the promise found in Christ, but because worship is offered in the name of Christ, such authority is also present in worship. The same authority is, of course, promised in our prayers and in our confessions of faith.
Because today we hold onto the blood of Christ as the covenant and worship before God, we believe that our lives will come out of curses, and instead we will conquer curses and receive the answer of crushing the head of Satan. The fundamental problem is solved, and we become God's church built on the rock; therefore, the gates of hell will never overcome us. And because we have received the keys of the kingdom of heaven, every door of life will be opened. May this worship become one where we receive and enjoy such answers.

1. **Preach the Word**
    1) God does everything by his word. He is called the Creator because he does not need any materials. Romans 4:17 says, "who calls into existence the things that do not exist." In this way, God has done everything by his word, is doing everything by his word, and will continue to do everything by his word. Therefore, we must also do everything by the word. That is why the Apostle Paul gave Timothy a strict command.
    2) Verse 1 speaks about the tremendous background of that command. It shows that this command is also a significant command for us and clearly reveals what we should do and how we should live.
    3) The work that a minister must do has become very clear, and in the work of preaching the gospel and saving people, what we must do is the word. The same is true for ourselves as well. Just as God does everything by his word for all other created things, it is the same for us who believe in Christ.
    4) John chapter 1 explains that Christ is the word of God and says that this word became flesh and dwelt among us. This means that the word has saved our souls. God also saves our lives through the word. All the people in the Bible experienced a complete reversal in their lives after receiving God's word while living their lives.
    5) Moses was forced to flee after killing a man and had no choice but to become a shepherd in the wilderness of Midian. This could not be called a bad life, but it was certainly not comparable to the life he had lived in Egypt as a prince. However, after one day of receiving a word from God, his life became something that could not even be compared with his past.
    6) He came to stand as the main figure of his time with countless miracles, became one who spoke face to face with God, and became the leader who guided God's people. With such blessings, who would return to being a prince again? No one would make such a foolish choice.
    7) The turning point of this reversal in life was the moment he received that word from God. In this way, God does everything through his word. And that word is God's power, a promise of the kingdom of God, and the authority that crushes the head of the serpent - an authority that no one can stop.
    8) There are many examples like this in the Bible. Paul also experienced a complete reversal of his life from such a dramatic moment, created a new culture, and became the one who laid the foundation for world evangelization. Why, then, were such things recorded in the Bible? There may be many reasons, but it may be a message that you too can become like this.

9) When God's word enters us, our eyes to see the age are opened. The same eyes as Joseph can be opened, and the same eyes as Moses, Paul, David, Joshua, and Caleb can be opened. In this way, we too can live a life like those in the Bible, and we can live the life of the one who remains that conquers and saves people. May this blessing come upon all of us today.
10) Therefore, for the word like that of the Bible to enter into us is our lifelong prayer topic. Then we will become people of the age who leave behind a masterpiece. In all the processes of the evangelism movement and nurturing disciples, what we must do is deliver this word, and the core must always be the gospel.
11) Therefore, through the many words, types, symbols, events, and stories in the Bible, the word movement is to convey the blood of Christ and his death. If this continues, the kingdom of God will surely come, the head of Satan will be crushed, and all who hear the word will be freed from their curses, conquer and be restored in life, and become witnesses.
12) This is the content and result of the word movement that Paul strictly commanded Timothy to carry out. I hope you hold this in your heart once again. However, the most important word movement is the one you do for yourself. Each day, confess the gospel; through that confession, Satan is broken, you experience freedom, and you become a witness. God has promised that if you put it into practice, he will work. Hold onto it as a covenant, put it into action, and be victorious.

2. Fulfill Your Ministry

1) Verse 5 says, "As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." It says to endure hardship with a sober mind. It means that Timothy's duty is not to avoid hardship but to carry out the work of an evangelist within hardship. And in verse 2 it says to endure hardship with complete patience. This is something we evangelists, who hold world evangelization as our covenant, should deeply consider. It also says to teach, reprove, rebuke, and exhort. It feels that ministry at that time was somewhat more strict than it is now. The words teach, reprove, and rebuke are terms that are not commonly used in ministry today.
2) The spiritual flow and spiritual condition of the age are also God's time schedule. Evangelists must renew their attitude accordingly and proclaim the word. Regardless of the situation, if we simply deliver the word, our duty is finished. This is the work of an evangelist. Since we are told to exhort or encourage, regardless of circumstances or conditions, whether the time is favorable or not, we simply preach the word. We deliver the Bible, explain the gospel within it, and continue that work. This is the work of an evangelist and our duty.
3) After that, everything is in God's hands. God, who does everything through his word, will accomplish everything that follows according to his will. And that is what is best for humanity. Whether the time is favorable or not, regardless of the surrounding circumstances or conditions, we simply summarize God's word as the gospel and proclaim it.
4) This is God's desire. Therefore, the fact that we have properly organized this gospel means that we possess a tremendous weapon and hold the complete key to enjoying the promises of God in the Bible. Do not forget this, and may today become a day when you put it into action and see the evidence of the promise.