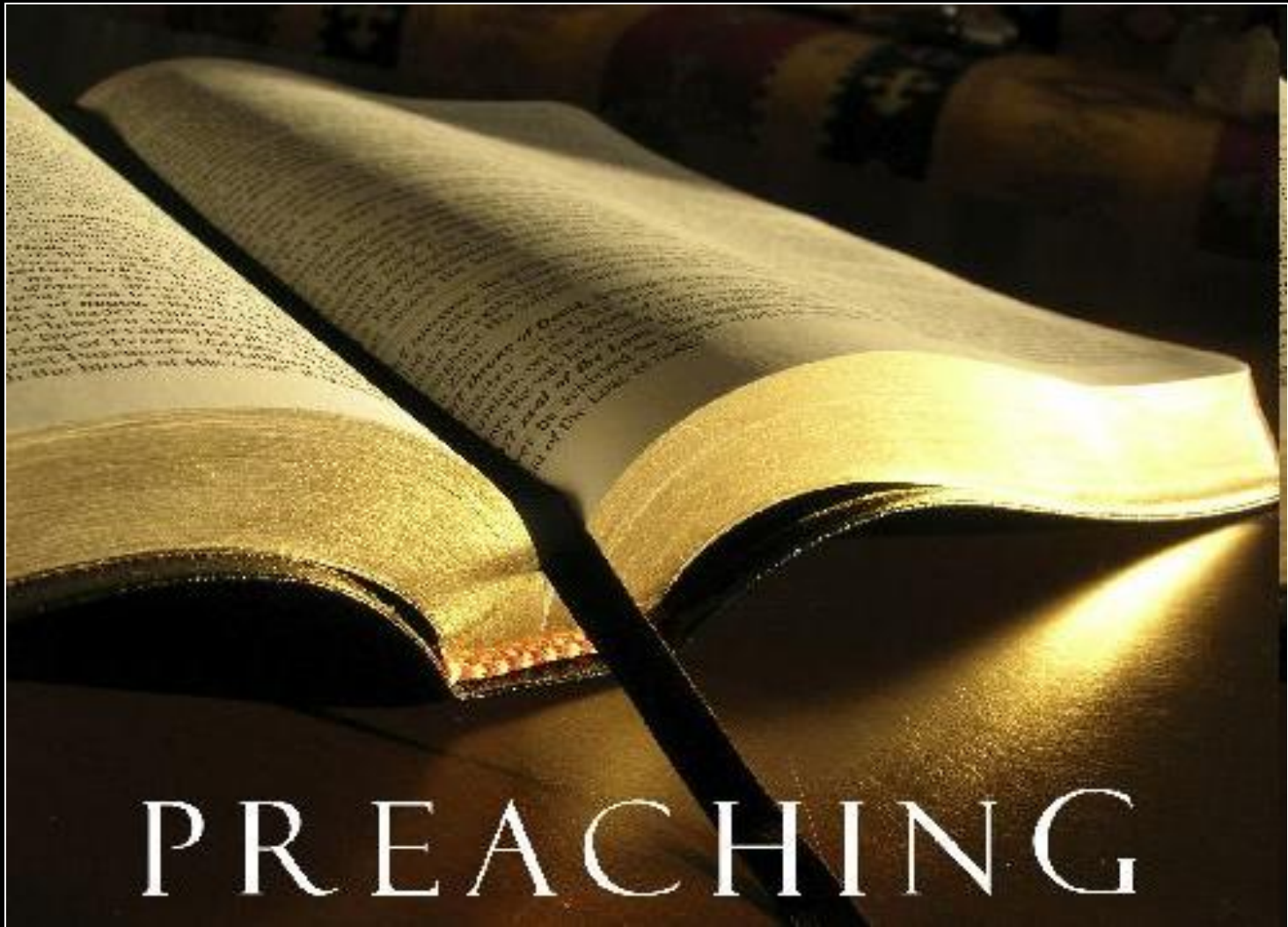


Worship Is A Verb



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Introduction

- Thank you for the privilege of leading you in this action of worship (the public reading and teaching of scripture).
- Teaching in the assembly is not a modern invention.
- On the day called Sunday all who live in the cities or in the country gather at one place and the memoir of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read as long as time permits. When the reader has finished, the one who is presiding instructs us in a brief discourse and exhorts us to imitate these noble things (Justin Martyr 150 A.D)

Introduction

- Just as we worship by talking to God through prayer, we worship by listening to God through His Word.
- By hearing the teaching of God's Word we commune with Deity.
- In the same way that we are amazed by the thought that God is listening to our praise and pleas in prayer, it is just as awesome to think that God is speaking His will in the Words of the Bible.



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Preaching Is Part of the Worship of the Church

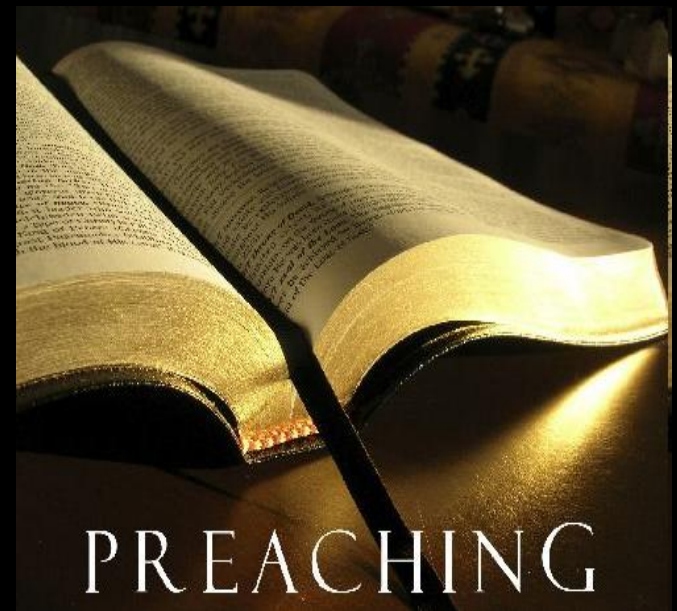
- **(Act 20:7)** Now on the **first day of the week**, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, **spoke to them** and continued his message until midnight.
- **(1Ti 4:13)** Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.
- **(Rom 15:16)** to be a **minister** of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, **ministering as a priest the gospel of God**, so that **my offering** of the Gentiles may become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
- **(Sermons are like the sacrifices of the OT Priests)**

Where can this action of Worship Take Place

- Preaching is most often thought of in the public assembly, but it can also be done in a private setting.
 - **(Acts 5:42) And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.**
- The Act of Preaching is an area of Worship that ALL are to participate in. **(Acts 17:11)**
 - **(1Co 14:16) “Otherwise if you bless in the spirit only, how will the one who fills the place of the ungifted say the “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?”**

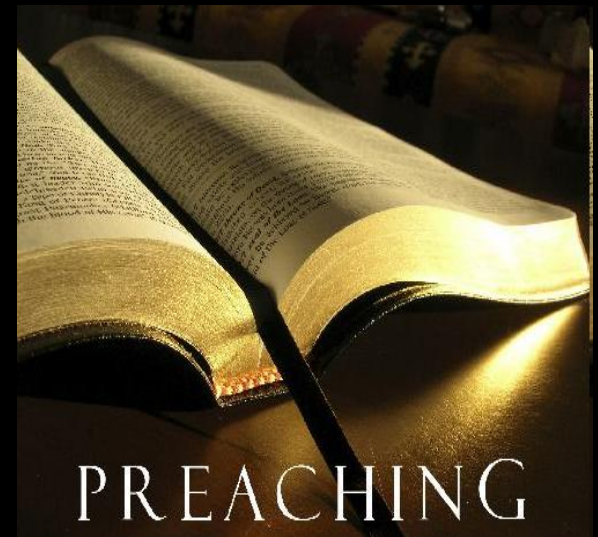
What Should Preaching in the Assembly Contain?

- **(2 Tim 4:2)**
 - **God's Word**
 - **Corrective Teaching**
 - **Encouraging Teaching**
 - **Patient in Nature**
 - **Not Man's Teaching**



We Need To Have Reverence and Respect Toward The Word of God

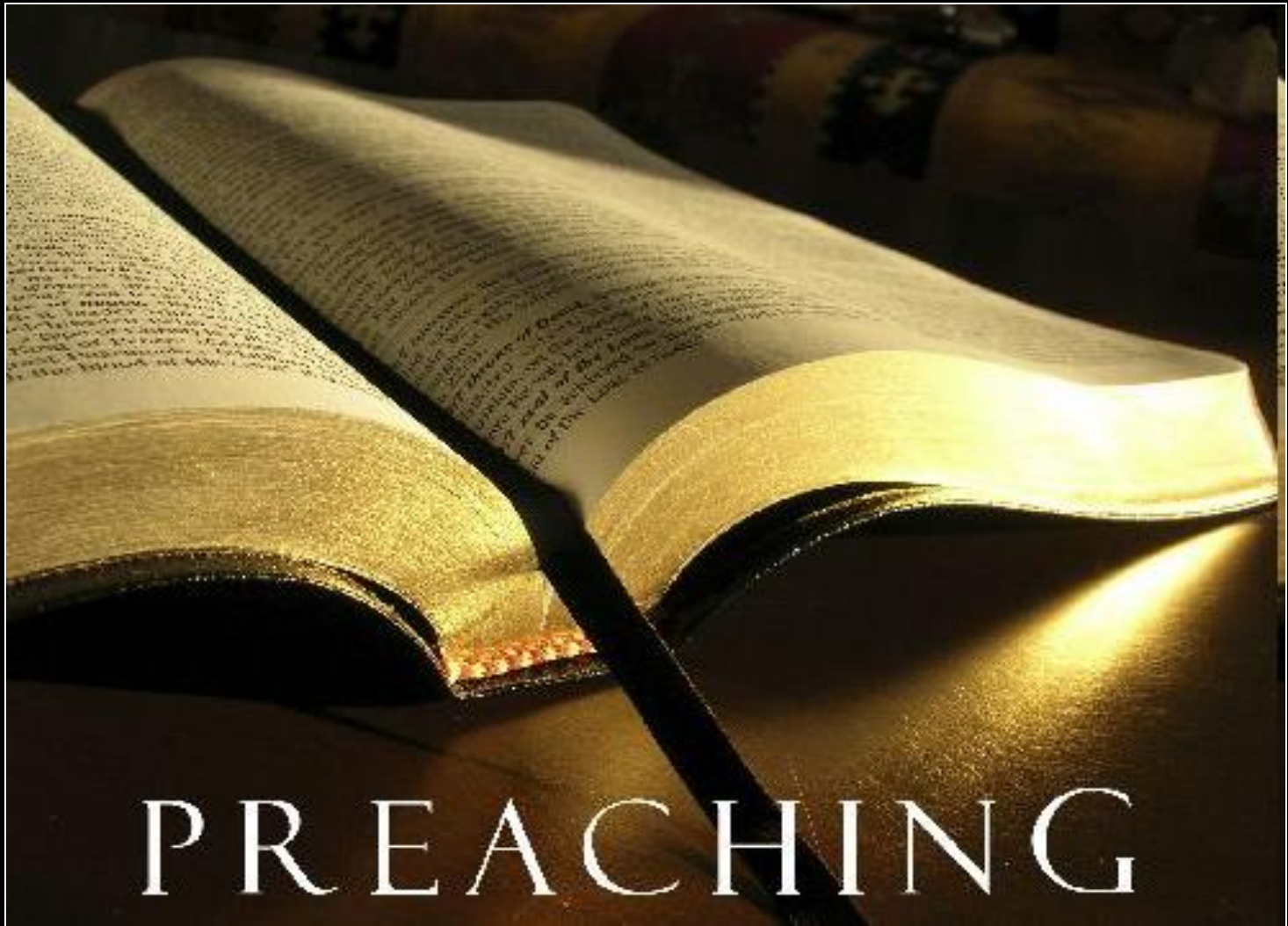
- It is not about the Preacher. (Although the Preacher can stand in the way of a Good Message).
- The Sermon is not time to get passive and become a spectator.
- We need to be active learners.
 - Follow along.
 - Take Notes
 - Make logical conclusions.
 - Think of questions to ask later.
 - Find opportunities to respond “amen”.
 - **GIVE THE WORD THE RESPECT IT DESERVES (Neh. 8:4-11)**



Conclusion

- **Worship in hearing a lesson from God's Word is an act of receiving into our hearts the desires of God's heart.**
- **The hearer is not passive.**
- **We open our ears to hear, our mind to understand and our hearts to believe.**
- **In this process worship takes place.**

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