

A Gentle Reminder

2 PETER 1:12-15

The Preacher's Dilemma

- Often, I think “I’ve already preached about that.”
 - This is especially true after preaching for the same group for many years.
 - I might ignore topics because “everyone already knows these things”
 - There are reasons for preaching the “same old things.”
- Peter continually reminded his readers “though you know and are established in the present truth” – 2 Pet. 1:12
 - Why? To stir them up – 2 Pet. 3:1-7
 - They needed reminding of matters concerning their entrance into Christ’s kingdom – 2 Pet. 1:10-11, 9
 - Thus, preaching on certain topics is needed because we need reminding.

I Must Not Be Negligent to Remind You

- Peter was doing what God had always instructed.
 - Israelite parents were warned to remember and remind their children of God's wondrous acts – Deut. 4:9; 6:10-12; 8:11, 19
 - God made provisions for the children who came to the age of understanding to be instructed in the Law – Deut. 31:9-13
 - The pot of manna and Aaron's rod that budded were placed in the Ark of the Covenant to remind Israel of important past events – Ex. 16:32-34
 - The Passover was a memorial, or reminder – Ex. 12:24-27
 - The kings of Israel were to frequently remind themselves of God's law – Deut. 17:18-19
- If this seems like too many reminders, don't forget that Israel and its kings still forgot God! – Jud. 2:7-10

“Yes, I think it is right” to Remind You

- Being reminded is a significant part of our life as Christians
 - The Lord’s Supper is a weekly reminder of the great sacrifice God has made for our salvation.
 - Some claim that partaking each week lowers the impact of the reminder
 - Does the message of Christ grow dim/meaningless with repetition?
- Though we may be tempted to grow tired of the same old sermon topics...
 - Some Christians are new to the faith and others haven’t applied themselves to learn the basics and need to be taught again – Heb. 5:12–14
 - Some topics need re-preaching because of their significance in separating true service from error.
 - We must be reminded of the most fundamental principles because Christians can so easily and often abandon them when faced with application in everyday life!