

On Preachers & Preaching —

by Wayne Goff

I have in my files over the years compiled a number of articles, quips, musings and observations about preachers and preaching. I will include some in this bulletin from time to time. This is one of those times. - *Wayne Goff*

“**Sermon 1 obs:** DISCOURSE, TALK **2a:** a religious discourse delivered in public usually by a clergyman as a part of a worship service <preached his maiden sermon last Sunday> ... **3a:** a serious address: a lecture on conduct or duty: HOMILY <going around the country preaching sermons on the need of defending the freedom of the mind – Elmer Davis> ... **b:** an annoying harangue <didn’t ask for a sermon on the subject>...”

I confess to having preached a few “sermons” that may have been considered the same as definition **3b:** an annoying harangue! But it remains to be seen whether it really was, or if I was preaching it “*out of season*” (**2 Timothy 4:2**). God knows.

By the way, what is **your** definition of “sermon”? My father used to say that a “sermonette” was a message delivered by a “preacherette” to a bunch of “Christianettes”! *And many churches of Christ today have gone one better* – they have **eliminated** an entire sermon on Sunday by canceling Sunday evening services! I wish some preacher or elder in favor of these things would explain to me the wisdom in doing so. *How do brethren become stronger by studying less?!*

And in case you didn’t know, “sermon” isn’t in the Bible. But preaching is!

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