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*From Where I Sit . . .*

### "The Love of Preaching"

**F**rom the earliest memories that flood my soul, gospel preaching thrilled and challenged my heart! I've had the good fortune of being raised around preachers – some "Well Known" and some not so "Well Known" – but good, faithful Gospel preachers, who loved their work and helped me gain a passion for preaching.

These men were dedicated, sacrificial, almost tireless for the work of the Lord. Most preachers I know today still are! These great men of God, who knew, loved and proclaimed the **WORD** inspired me to search the Scriptures and to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. (**Eph. 3:8**). My Father was and still is a Gospel preacher at the age of 80 years. We often entertained Gospel preachers in our home. I loved to hear their stories and see the church, world-wide, through their eyes. I'm certain this experience and such early exposure greatly contributed to my decision to become a Gospel preacher. Two of my brothers are Gospel preachers and the third one is a Youth Minister. My son-in-law is a Gospel preacher. I love Gospel preachers and Gospel preaching!

A look at current and projected population figures vividly demonstrates the great need for dedicated Gospel preachers today. The demands are so great, they too will have to be "almost tireless" in the greatest work in the world! They will truly have to be "lovers of preaching" and "lovers of God" to survive!

The importance of preaching is further underscored when one considers that "**faith**" still "**comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**" (**Rom. 10:17**). Jesus said, "**No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me**" (**John 6:44-45**).

The Bible's strongest charge is recorded in **2 Tim. 4:1-2**: "**Preach The Word**"! Further underscoring the importance of preaching, note **1 Cor. 1:21**, "**For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**" We are God's messengers. It was His plan and there is no substitute! Read **Rom. 10:13-17** and notice the words, "**How shall they hear without a preacher?**" Preaching, then, has precious value because it is the chosen method of God to dispense the words that will save men's souls.

The main-line business of the church is to "**Make known the manifold wisdom of God**" (**Eph. 3:10**). The church has only one avenue through which to do this -- the avenue of preaching and teaching. In **Acts 8:4**, individuals and preachers are involved in this work. The prophets of old were preachers, whether called by that title or not. The apostles of the New Testament were preachers of the "**unsearchable riches of Christ**" (**Eph. 3: 7-9a**). The preacher's song might well be:

"I Love To Tell The Story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love;  
"I love to tell the story, Tis pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet;  
"I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word.  
"I love to tell the story, Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and His love.

**. . . Terry Broome**