**PRAYER PREPARATION FOR PREACHING**

Pray for your study and preparation – right understanding, key points, discernment; to enable me to see what I need to see, to understand and interpret correctly, to communicate effectively.

Pray for God’s word to prevail mightily and accomplish His purposes
- Acts
- Isaiah 55:10-11
- Heb. 4:12
- For God to stretch out His hand over me and put His words in my mouth and to empower those words with His Spirit (apart from You I can do nothing, no matter how eloquent I am; this is a supernatural event!!)

Pray for yourself as the preacher – confess your sins and ask God to deliver this message, both in its prep and delivery, from all the human weakness and sinful baggage you bring to it; to forgive and cleanse, to guide and empower.

Pray for Satan to be bound – this is spiritual warfare! (Ephesians 6:10ff); pray that this message be delivered from Satan in any and every way, from clouding our minds to discern truth, from hindering people coming and hearing, responding in repentance and faith, etc.

Pray for the people/hearers themselves – that their hearts and minds be prepared by the Spirit and that they be able to hear and receive the word in faith; that their souls will be fertile soil for the seed of God’s word to be planted, take root, germinate, grow, and bear much fruit in their lives.

Generally consecrate the message, yourself, and the people to the Lord – That God would pour out His Spirit and do great and wonderful things, move powerfully and graciously in people’s lives. This is a supernatural event. Our words are empty and vain, of no effect apart from God’s grace; will accomplish nothing of any eternal value unless HE does it.
- we are merely “instruments” on which God plays HIS tune
- to the degree we believe all these things to that degree we will be men of prayer as much as students of the word in preparation for our sermons