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MOODY DISTANCE LEARNING

Course Number, Name, and Credit Hours

PS 3340 Theological Exposition – 3 Credit Hours

Course Description

This course examines both the theology of biblical exposition and the place of theology in the sermon. It explores the nature of exposition by analyzing the divine and human dimensions of the preaching event. Students will develop a theological framework for the practice of biblical proclamation and will study the theological content of classic and contemporary sermons.

Prerequisites: PS-3330 Communication of Biblical Truth or CM-2240 Message Preparation for Women or ED-2201 Communication of Biblical Truth for Adolescents.

Course Goals

In this course the learners will:

- Comprehend the nature of preaching
- Appreciate the importance of language to preaching
- Discern the relationship between the human and divine aspects of the sermon
- Understand the nature of the gospel and its place in the sermon

Course Objectives

After completing this course the learners should be able to:

1. Articulate a foundational theology of biblical exposition
2. Explain how preaching is similar to and different from prophecy
3. Describe the divine and human aspects of biblical exposition
4. Explain the relationship between the gospel and preaching

Course Textbook(s) and/or Supplemental Information

Required textbooks for all Moody Online classes can be found on the [Required Textbooks](#) section of the Moody website.

The following articles & sermons are posted in the course Blackboard site under the resource folder in the week for which they are assigned:

Ken Myers, Interview with Marilyn Chandler McEntyre, *Mars Hill Audio Journal*, Volume 099.1.1. (28.57) <http://marshillaudio.org>. Used by Permission. (**Lesson 4 Resources** folder)

“Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” by Jonathan Edwards (*traditional version*) read by David Bruce Sonner.
<http://www.sermonaudio.com/search.asp?sourceonly=true&currSection=sermonsource&keyword=hisglory&subsetcat=series&subsetitem=As+read+by%3A+David+Bruce+Sonner>.
(**Week 4 Assignments** folder)

“Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.” Edwards, Jonathan. Public Domain. (**Lesson 4 Resources** folder)

“Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” by Jonathan Edwards (*modernized version*) read by Mark Chanski.

<http://www.sermonaudio.com/search.asp?keyword=rbcholland&keyworddesc=&currsection=sermonsource&SourceOnly=true&keywordwithin=sinners+in+the+hands+of+an+&x=7&y=12>. (Week 4 Assignments folder)

“Is Christianity a Revealed Religion?” by William Willimon, MP3 file (<http://cep.calvinseminary.edu/thisWeek/podcastsArchive.php?pNav=cep>). (Week 5 Assignments folder)

The following short videos are posted on <http://www.follygraceandpower.com/>. Time for each is in parenthesis.

- *Text, Audience & Sermon* (10:40)
- *The Untamed Spirit & the Sermon* (8:42)
- *Preaching & Authority* (6:36)
- *Word & Sermon* (3:15)
- *Prophet, Priest or Stand-Up Comedian?* (6:46)
- *Preaching & the Gospel* (6:03)
- *Preaching as Oral Theology* (6:42)

Assignments Overview

You will be graded on your completion of the following assignments. Refer to the **Schedule & Assignments** folder within the **Assignments** section of the Blackboard course for greater details on these assignments.

1. **READING:** The completion of the reading is an important part of the course. You are expected to complete the reading according to the course schedule. You will be required to submit a reading report for each week’s reading. **Due weekly.**
2. **WEEKLY QUESTIONS:** Answer the questions included with the reading assignment. **Due weekly, unless otherwise indicated.**
3. **ASSIGNMENT 1 – Edwards’ sermon comments:** Read the printed version of Jonathan Edwards’ sermon “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” and list every comparison statement or analogy you find. **Due Week 4.**
4. **ASSIGNMENT 2 – Thielicke’s sermon comments:** Read Helmut Thielicke’s sermon “Thy Kingdom Come” and highlight all the statements you see as “theological” in nature. **Due Week 7.**
5. **ASSIGNMENT 3: THEOLOGY OF PREACHING PROJECT:** You are required to synthesize what you have learned from the course into a comprehensive theology of preaching. **Due Week 8.**
6. **EXAMS:** There will be two (2) open-notes time-limited essay exams based on the reading. **Exam 1 will be due Week 2. Exam 2 will be due Week 6.**

7. **CLASS PARTICIPATION:** Students are expected to access the “online” video content posted on the course website. Attendance is also expected. You must maintain a significant presence in the discussion board. Please refer to the discussion board rubric included in the **Course Resources** section of this course for more information on how your participation in the discussion board will be assessed. **Due weekly.**

Assessments

Your grade for this course will consist of:

Assigned Reading	10%
Weekly Questions	15%
Assignment 1: Edwards’ sermon comments	5%
Assignment 2: Thielicke’s sermon comments	5%
Assignment 3: Theology of Preaching Project	30%
Exams (2 @ 10% each)	20%
Discussion Board Participation	15%
	100%

Letter grades are determined by the following scale:

Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Letter Grade	Percentage Equivalent
A	96% or higher	C	73 - 76.9%
A-	90 - 95.9%	C-	70 - 72.9%
B+	87 - 89.9%	D+	67 - 69.9%
B	83 - 86.9%	D	63- 66.9%
B-	80 - 82.9%	D-	60 - 62.9%
C+	77 - 79.9%	F	Below 60%

Course Resources

Online students have access to the Moody Library. Though students may wish to check out books via inter-library loan, the online database has a number of articles and reviews available for download. You can access the online database by logging into your account at my.moody.edu. If you have not previously accessed the library database you may wish to complete the database tutorial at <http://library.moody.edu>.

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