

Human Contribution to the Effectiveness of the Preaching the Word of God

Summary

Preaching is a divine-human event. Its effectiveness, though primarily dependent on God, depends as well, at least to some amount, on the cooperation of people: preacher and listeners. Good News of salvation is the proposition that requires a free acceptance. It can also be rejected or ignored, but not without consequences. The human effectiveness of preaching requires the commitment and the dedication on the side of preacher, his concern and longing for the sanctity and fidelity to the Gospel of Christ, as well as faith in Divine Providence. As far as the human effectiveness of preaching is concerned the formal elements of communication cannot be ignored, especially the balanced transmission at the level of intellectual, emotional and volitional. The effectiveness of the entire event, which is the proclamation and listening of the Word of God, depends very largely on the engagement of the listeners of the salvific message.