## **Simple Sermon Outlining**

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# 1. What is an Outline?

## A plan

## A map

## Logic at work

## Prudence

## Accountability

## Powerful study tool

## Silent helper

## 2. Speaker’s Goal:

## to be EASY to FOLLOW.

# 3. Find Your Text

## Careful prayer and meditation.

## Something timely and appropriate.

# Our Text Today: **Exodus 19:5 “**Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:”

# 4. Divide the Parts of the Text & Relate Them

## “**Now therefore**,

## -If ye

## -will obey

## -my voice indeed,

## -and keep my covenant,

## **then ye shall be a peculiar treasure**

## -unto me

## -above all people:

## **for all the earth is mine**:”

# 5. Study the Parts of the Text

## *Take time to investigate each part individually:*

## “Now therefore, 🡪this is a timely suggestion

## -If ye 🡪 Me, the one delivered

## -will obey 🡪Action, do, effort needed

## -my voice indeed, 🡪 His sheep know it

## -and keep my covenant, 🡪His Word

## then ye shall be a peculiar treasure 🡪 jewel, valuable, special

## -unto me 🡪 me=God, pleasing to God

## -above all people: 🡪 Great honor to be God’s

## for all the earth is mine:” 🡪 Ps. 24:1

## *For example:* “Now therefore”🡪

## [DICITIONARY] “Now therefore, if ye will obey” is actually all from one Hebrew word *shama* [HB08085] meaning ‘to hear intelligently so that you obey’

## [CONTEXT] This recommendation is given immediately after the great deliverance God worked by bringing Israel out of Egypt.

## An amazing suggestion is NOW being made!

## Etc.…

# 6. Label the Parts of the Text

## I. “Now therefore,

## A. if ye

## B. will obey

## 1. my voice indeed,

## 2. and keep my covenant,

## II. then ye shall be a peculiar treasure

## A. unto me

## B. above all people:

## III. for all the earth is mine:”

# 7. Thesis Statement

## What is the essence of the text?

## What truth is to be emphasized?

## What is your focus?

## What is God saying?

## The thesis should be your message in a single and complete sentence.

## “Everyone should obey God because there is great reward in it and God deserves our obedience.” [THESIS STATEMENT]

# 8. Develop the Outline

## Look at the main points of your outline and consider how to maintain the UNITY of **thought** and create a UNITY in **style**:

## I. “Now therefore,”

## II. “then ye shall be a peculiar treasure”

## III. “for all the earth is mine:”

## =How can we better **phrase** these ideas?=

## **I. Godly Obedience is Recommended**

## **II. Godly Obedience is Rewarded**

## **III. Godly Obedience is Right**

## **THESIS:** “Everyone should obey God because there is great reward in it and God deserves our obedience.”

## The outline gives us 3 **keywords** that identify the *stops* along the way to our *destination:* Recommended, Rewarded, & Right.

## NOTICE each main point obviously relates to the thesis and to each other.

# Develop the Main Points

## Each main point should clarify the thesis.

## Each main point should relate to the others.

## Each main point should come in an order that is logical (easy to follow).

## Treat each main point as if it was a mini sermon in of itself with an *introduction*, *body* & *conclusion*.

## *(thought*: Here is an amazing suggestion to obey.)

## I. **Godly Obedience is Recommended**

## 🡪*Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant*,

## A. The Time: *Now*

## B. The Person: *Ye*

## C. The Rule

## 1. *My voice*

## 2. *My covenant*

## *(thought*: Obedience to God is greatly rewarded.)

## II. **Godly Obedience is Rewarded**

## 🡪*then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people:*

## A. Precious to God

## B. Promoted above Others

## *(thought*: Obedience to God makes sense.)

## III. **Godly Obedience is Right**

## 🡪*for all the earth is mine:*

## A. God Made it All

## B. God Owns It All

## C. God Rules it All

# Color the Outline *WITH…*

## Introduction

## Conclusion

## Explanation

## Illustration

## Application

## Complementary Texts

## Introduction: The Goal

### Gain their **attention** and **interest**.

### Give your **thesis** so that they know what you are going to talk about.

### Maybe give a **title**.

### **Prepare** listeners for what is to come.

## Introduction

## A. ILLUST: *Wilderness Story*

## B. Thesis:

## “Everyone should obey God because there is great reward in it and God deserves our obedience.”

## C. Preview & Title

## “Our subject is ‘Obeying God’ as **recommended**, **rewarded** and **right**.”

## Conclusion: The Goal

### Refresh their Memory

### Reestablish your Emphasis

### Call for Action

## Conclusion:

## A. “We detailed today the recommendation, reward and rightness of obeying God.”

## B. “If you forget everything else I have shared today, please leave knowing: obedience to God is always worth it!”

## C. Have you been kicking against the pricks? Yield to God’s call to you today and obey his voice and Word.

## Complementary Texts

### If you use five verses of Scripture, only one should be your *main text* and the anchor to your thoughts and the others should be complementary.

### Verses should never be used out of context, but should naturally relate to your main text.

## Explanation

### Fill in the gaps for your audience.

### Relate foreign ideas to familiar ideas to enable comprehension.

### Do not be content with being abstract, but relate the ideas to your audience.

### Explain WHY you are saying what you are saying.

## Illustration

### Everyone loves a story and so stories are great attention getters.

### Jesus was a master story teller. With parables, He was able to make deep truths of the kingdom understandable.

### Illustration and quotes add color.

## Application

### Do not be content with leaving your hearers only with ‘**theory**’, but be determined to relay to them ‘**practice**.’

### Your listeners may ask themselves at some point, “Alright, so the Bible does say *that*, but what does *that* have to do with me?” Have you answered that question?

# Put all the Pieces Together

## *“Plug in” your prepared notes using the following structure…*

## “Title”

## Introduction

## 🡪Thesis, etc.

## Body

## 🡪Main thoughts and exposition of the thesis.

## 🡪Explanation, Application, Illustration

## Conclusion

## 🡪Emphasis, call for action, & etc.

# Look for & Pray Over Weaknesses

## Am I clear?

## Am I easy to follow?

## Am I interesting?

## Am I relevant?

## Am I truthful?

## Am I efficient?

## Can it be better said or said more simply?

## Are my complimentary texts properly used?

## Am I compassionate?

## Am I bold and definite with truth?

# Leave the Results to God

## If you have diligently prepared by prayer, meditation, study and organization, you have no reason to feel intimidated in sharing.

## Your part is to prepare and follow God’s leading, the results are God’s part.

# EXAMPLE

## “Godly Obedience”

## Introduction

## A. ILLUSTRATION: “Why God brought Israel through the wilderness for 40 years.”

## B. Thesis:“Everyone should obey God because there is great reward in it and God deserves our obedience.”

## C. Preview & Title: “‘Godly Obedience’ as **recommended**, **rewarded** and **right**.”

## I. **Godly Obedience is Recommended**

## 🡪*Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant*,

*(thought*: Here is an amazing suggestion: to obey.)

## A. The Time: *Now*

## B. The Person: *Ye*

## C. The Rule

## 1. *My voice*

## 2. *My covenant*

## II. **Godly Obedience is Rewarded**

## 🡪*then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people:*

## *(thought*: Obedience to God is greatly rewarded.)

## 

## A. Precious to God I Peter 2:9; Psalm 116:15

## B. Promoted above Others Luke 13:30

## III. **Godly Obedience is Right**

## 🡪*for all the earth is mine:*

## *(thought*: Obedience to God makes sense.)

## A. God Made it All Genesis 1:1

## B. God Owns It All Psalm 24:1

## C. God Rules it All Daniel 2:21

## Conclusion:

## A. “We detailed today the recommendation, reward and rightness of obeying God.”

## B. “Please leave knowing: obedience to God is always worth it!”

C. Have you been kicking against the pricks? Yield to God’s call to you today and obey his voice and Word.