

Table Talk #1322 March 23, 1532 Sermons

“One should preach about things that are suited to a given place and given persons. A preacher once preached that it’s wicked for a woman to have a wet nurse for her child, and he devoted his whole sermon to a treatment of this matter although he had nothing but poor spinning women in his parish to whom such an admonition did not apply. Similar was the preacher who gave an exhortation in praise of marriage when he preached to some aged women in an infirmary.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Luther". The script is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first letters of "Martin" and "Luther" being larger and more prominent.

Commentary: What is the value of a sermon in a time when we can have most of our questions answered through an internet search? We expect our communications to be concise and visual. The value of a sermon is that through the priest or pastor, God speaks directly to us. We need to hear the Word of God and remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. (Third Commandment) Sermons lead us to a mature understanding of our purpose in life. People may feel comfortable and successful with their place in life but as the Bible says in **three** places: (Redundant or Important?)

“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” (Matthew 16:26)

“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:35)

“For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?” (Luke 9:25)

Sermons are not to make us feel good or entertain us. They allow God to speak to us through His Word to discover our purpose in life. This is the formula for spiritual growth! $W=bc^2$
(God's Word = forgiveness of sin in one baptism + communion with Jesus Christ regularly)

Question: Do you remember the last sermon you heard or perhaps one that was delivered some time ago?