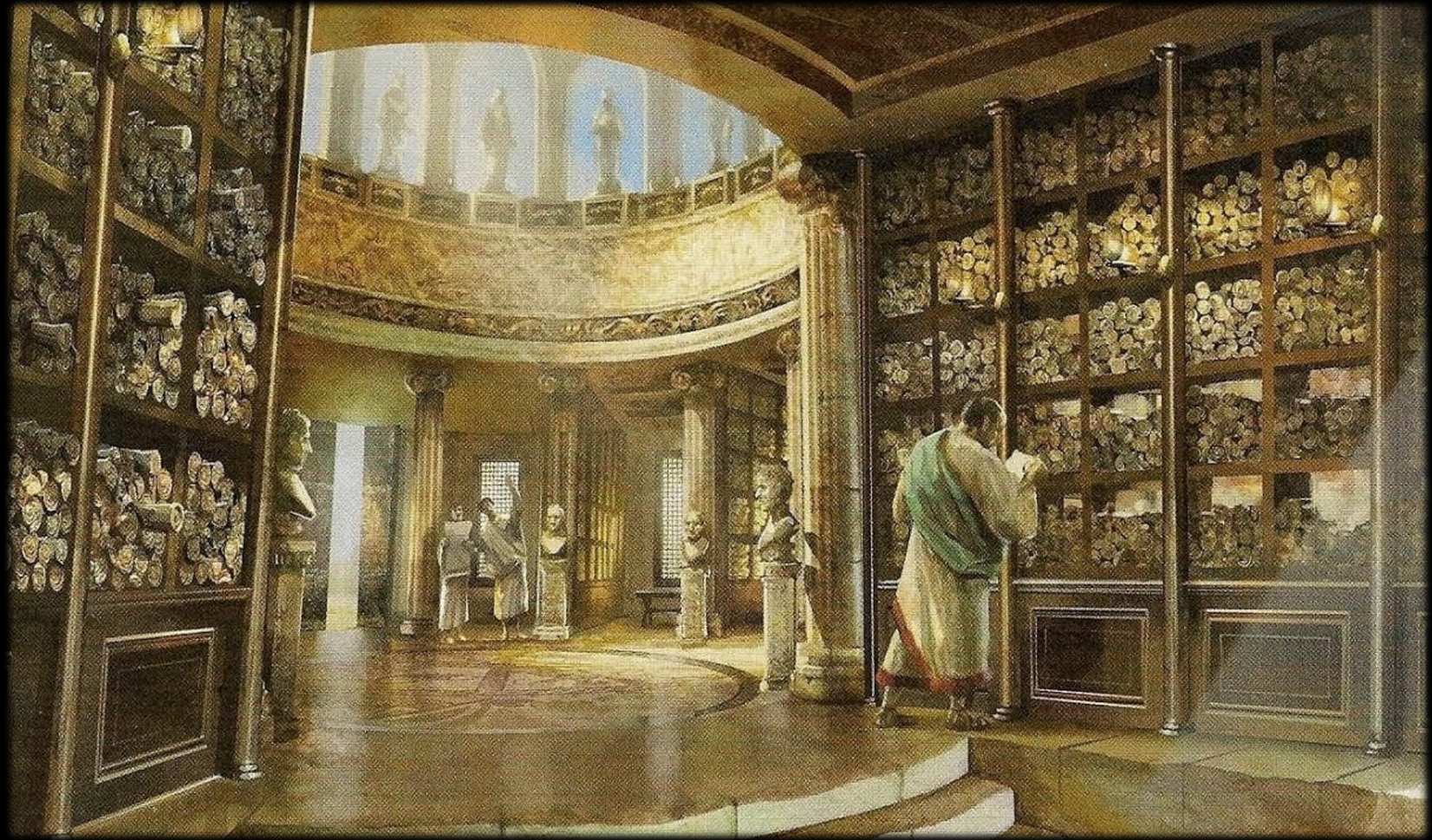


# Recovering a Lost Legacy



# The Legacy of Expository Preaching

## *Selected Scripture*

### I. A Definition of Expository Preaching (1 Tim. 4:13)

- 1 Tim. 4:13 - "Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching."
- An expository sermon is one in which the preacher reads the text, explains the text in its context, and applies the text to life.
- Expository preaching is almost always also systematic, consecutive, or sequential.



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## II. The Arguments for Expository Preaching

### A. The Practical Arguments

1. It ensures a completely Bible-centered ministry.
2. It allows those who listen to grasp the logical development of the Word of God, as the Spirit inspired it.
3. It ultimately addresses all the major themes of Scripture.
4. It provides a balance of emphasis.
5. It forces us to deal with all Scripture, including difficult passages.
6. It teaches us all how to read and study the Bible systematically, contextually for ourselves.
7. It best promotes our spiritual growth.
8. It aids the pastor's sermon selection.

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B. A Theological Argument – the Nature of Inspiration (1 Cor. 2:12-13)

C. The Historical Argument

- The Early Church
  - Justin Martyr (mid second century AD): “On the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things.”
- The Early Church Fathers
- The Reformers
- The Puritans

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### D. The Biblical Arguments

1. The Ministry of Moses (Ex. 24:3, 7; Dt. 1:1, 5)
2. The OT Corporate Worship (Lev. 10:11; Dt. 33:10; 2 Ch. 15:3; 17:7-9; Neh. 8:1-8)
3. Jewish Synagogue Worship (Acts 15:21)
4. Our Lord's Teaching Ministry (Mt. 4:23; Lk. 4:14-16, 20, 31, 44; 6:6; 13:10; Jn. 18:20)
5. The NT Church (Acts 2:42; 6:3-4; 1 Th. 5:27; 1 Tim. 3:2; 4:13-15; 5:17; 2 Tim. 4:2)

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### III. The Implications of Expository Preaching

- A. Understand that any church that is not committed to expository preaching has lost or abandoned the legacy of the Christian church.
- B. Embrace the biblical priority of and develop a personal appetite for expository preaching.
- C. Choose only churches that take God's Word seriously, demonstrated by a pattern of sequential expository preaching.
- D. Value the treasure of God's Word, read it, study it, meditate on it, obey it, and teach it to those under your influence.
- E. Be a good expository listener.