02DM8450 **The Pastor as Prophet**

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Orlando Campus

In his Reformed Dogmatics Herman Bavinck draws attention to the work of the Preaching office of the church and draws a parallel with the prophetic office within Israel. What defines the role of preaching within the covenant community? What does it mean to be a covenant prosecutor in the church today? How does the preacher address corporate sin within the Body of Christ? This course examines the biblical, theological and historical basis of considering the pastor as prophet in the church today. Participants will also preach sermons from texts notable for their “prophetic” edge.The course will address the relationship between the preacher’s contemplation of God, his attention to the voice of the Holy Trinity in Scripture, and awareness of being God’s instrument in speaking to His people. We will pay attention to God’s speech through the prophets and how such close attention to the text, heightens fellowship the Trinity and with the saints who have gone before with the aim of preaching God in Christ more effectively and reverently in our day.

Through classroom lectures, preaching, and student participation in guided readings, book reviews, and as well as selected readings, the student will:

Develop a sense of God in daily life and in the preacher’s task.

Learn to discern the voice of God in all Scripture and in the Psalms in particular.

Discover the value of prosopological exegesis as an entry into the meaning of the text

**Course Dates and Times**

January 24-28, 2022 (Monday–Friday)

Monday 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM;

Tuesday–Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM;

Friday 9:00AM – 1:00 PM.

This is 30 hours total class time for the course.

**Pre- Course Requirements:**

Upon registration for the class, you must submit one DVD or MP3 (by email to lgoligher @tenth.org) of your preaching a Psalm or a Prophet along with your notes or manuscript of the sermons for pre-course evaluation by the professor.

**Prepare a short review of the following required readings:**

Herman Bavinck, *Reformed Dogmatics* Vol.4: Holy Spirit, Church and New Creation, pp.455f “The Spirit Word and Power”

D.M. Llyod-Jones, *Preaching and Preachers*

James S. Stewart, *Heralds of God*

John Webster, *Confronted by Grace: Meditations of a Theologian*

Peter T. Sanlon*, Augustine’s Theology of Preaching*

Craig A. Carter*, Interpreting Scripture with the Great Tradition, pages 129ff*

Don C Collett*, Figural Reading and the Old Testament*

**Read the following digitized course readings. (no written response required). To access these course readings, check the course page in Canvas.**

Exegesis by Sinclair Ferguson, chapter 7 (page 192–211) in Samuel T. Logan, *The Preacher and Preaching*

Sydney Greidanus, “Textual-Thematic” preaching in chapter 6 (page 122–140) in Greidanus’ *The Modern Preacher and the Ancient Text: Interpreting and Preaching Biblical Literature*

Scott Swain <https://journal.rts.edu/article/the-psalms-and-the-christian-life/>

**Student Participation**

**Book reviews**

Each day we will have a book review presented by a student and based on the reading above. Please send your mss ahead one week prior to the course.

**Sermons**

For your sermons, after agreeing on a text with the professor, send a copy of your draft to him one week prior to the course. Please email Dr. Goligher, [lgoligher@tenth.org](mailto:lgoligher@tenth.org) with your suggestion relevant to our course (i.e. from OT psalms or prophetic literature); the sermon should be no more than 20 minutes and will be preached in class where it will be critiqued.

**Final Paper:**

The final paper should examine, exegete and expound a critical prophetic text of the New Testament. Final papers are due to the professor by April 30.

**Grade Computation**

Pre-course reading assignments (due 1st day of class) 20%

Pre-course papers (due 1st day of class) 20 %

In-course class attendance and participation 10%

Student Preaching on prophetic text 15%

Post-course paper 35%

Course: ​*The Pastor as Prophet*

Professor:​ Liam Goligher

Campus: Orlando​

Date: Winter 2022

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| **DMin\* Student Learning Outcomes**  *In order to measure the success of the DMin curriculum, RTS has defined the following as the intended outcomes of the student learning process.  Each course contributes to these overall outcomes. This rubric shows the contribution of this course to the DMin outcomes.*    *NOTE: DMin Emphases are:*  1. *Reformed Expository Preaching (REP), and*  2. *Reformed Theology and Ministry (RTM)* | | **Rubric**  ➢ Strong  ➢ Moderate  ➢ Minimal  ➢ None | **Mini-Justification** |
| **Biblical/**  **Theological Foundations:** | Significant knowledge of biblical and theological foundations for pastoral ministry. (This includes interaction with Biblical texts, as well as awareness of Reformed Theology.)    *For meets: REP= Significant*  *For meets: RTM= Significant* | Strong | A far reaching study of the biblical and theological weight behind the proclamation of the Word in Worship. |
| **Historical/**  **Contemporary Practices:** | Significant knowledge of historical and contemporary practices of pastoral ministry.    *For meets: REP= Minimal*  *For meets: RTM= Significant* | Strong | Particular attention will be given to the early church practice of prosopological exegesis |
| **Integration:** | Ability to reflect upon and integrate theology and practice, as well as implementation in a contemporary pastoral setting. | Moderate | In unfolding the theme there will be time to demonstrate how the Word works in a pastoral context |
| **Sanctification:** | Demonstrates a love for the Triune God that aids in the student’s sanctification. | Strong | Significant time taken to encourage a contemplative reading of the text bathed in prayer in the divine presence. |
| **Hermeneutical/**  **Homiletical Analysis** | Demonstrates ability to interpret a text and apply homiletical principles to the text.    *For meets: REP= Significant*  *For meets: RTM= Minimal* | REP |  |