

## ***Welcoming the Preached Word***

### **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

#### Main Point:

God speaks to you and works in you through the preaching of His Word; therefore, receive it with eagerness and welcome it with faith.

1. God speaks to you through the preaching of His Word.
2. God works in you through the preaching of His Word.
3. This means you should seek to receive the preached Word with eagerness.
4. This means you should seek to welcome the preached Word with faith.

## **Cross-References and Quotations**

**Romans 10:14** <sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? (NKJV)

**Daniel Hyde** “When a minister preaches the Word, not the words of men, not his own words ... he is God’s voice.”

**John Calvin** “When a preacher who is duly called and appointed by God speaks, it is as if God himself were speaking through him. The Word of God is not distinguished from the word of the prophet. God wishes to be heard through the voice of his ministers.”

**Isaiah 55:10-11** <sup>10</sup> "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. (NKJV)

**Andrew Young** “We must always keep in mind the close tie between spiritual growth and God’s word. We cannot hope to make progress in our Christian lives if we ignore the Bible or treat it superficially.”

**Deuteronomy 32:47** <sup>47</sup> "For it *is* not a futile thing for you, because it *is* your life, and by this word you shall prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess." (NKJV)

**Joseph Alleine** “Come off thy knees to the sermon; and come to thy knees from the sermon.”