Hearing the Application of Redemptive Principles

**Goal:** To learn how to apply redemptive principles to a sermon by listening to a master preacher do such, and evaluating his message.

During this class we will listen to Dr. Edmund Clowney preach on “David’s Mighty Men.” Then we will discuss his message and what we learn from it.

I. Clowney Message Structures and Lessons

II. Expounding Various Biblical Genres with Christ-centered Lenses

A. Redemptive Truths Evident in Historical Narrative
   1. God’s Plan Evident in:
      Symbol and Sacrament
      Promise and Deliverance
      Covenant (unconditional)
      Engrafting Undeserving
      Persevering Plan
      Judgment on Enemies
      Discipline (not punishment or rejection) of children
      Faithfulness
      Preservation of Remnant
      Typography
      Order of Events – Exodus before Law, Covenant Love before Obedience, Faithfulness after Disobedience
2. God’s Character Evident in:
   Interaction of God with person or people
   Behavior of an Individual Representing God
   Mercy/Power
   Discipline
   Promise and Deliverance
   Salvation by Grace through Faith

3. God’s Grace Stated in:
   Narrator Voice
   Character Voice
   Plot Unfolding
   Other Scripture Use of Event

B. Redemptive Truths Evident in Gospels

1. Provision of Messiah in character and activity
2. Proof of Jesus’ Messiah status in:
   a) prophetic fulfillment
   b) character
   c) wisdom
   d) authority
   e) divinity
   f) power (over physical realm, human realm, spiritual realm)
3. Fulfillment and Futility of Law
4. Provision for Covenant People (Undeserving)
   a) present
   b) future
5. Engrafting of new Covenant People (Undeserving)

C. Redemptive Truth Evident in Epistles

Statement
1. Plain Statement of Grace (e.g., Eph. 2:8-9)
   - Loved before our Love
   - Saved by Grace
   - Justified by Blood
   - Enabled by Spirit
   - Motivated by Gratitude and Joy

Context
2. Obedience/Devotion flowing from (not into) Relationship (e.g., Rom.12:1)
Key Terms
3. Identification by Activity of Grace
   a) “In Christ”
   b) “Called out ones” – ecclesia
   c) Reflection of historical redemptive themes (see narrative section above)
   d) Propitiation, Expiation, Adoption (sons, children, household)
   e) Sanctified, justified (“saints” = ‘agion)

D. Redemptive Truth Evident in Poetry and Wisdom Lit (Esp. Psalms)
   Key: Is to read the whole, not just phrase on phrase

1. Response to, or Journey to, Understanding of:
   Mighty Acts of God
   Faithfulness of God
   Love of God
   No Hope/Answer but God
   Forgiveness of God
   Deliverance of God
   Covenant of God
   Rock and Redeemer

2. Plain Statement of Divine Deliverance
3. Provision of Saving/Sanctifying Wisdom
4. Promise of Future for People/Destruction of Enemies
5. Messianic Indications

E. Redemptive Truths Evident in Prophecy
1. Provision of Messiah/Kingdom
2. Destruction of Enemies
3. Sanctification of Covenant People
4. Union of Covenant People with God (Re-union with each other)
5. Multiplying of Covenant people
6. Renewal of Creation/Covenant
7. Judgment of Wicked/Vindication and Glorification of Justified