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Dear bro. Chalk:

Thank you for your letter of February 28 in which you set down some of your habits of sermon preparation. I appreciated the details that you cited and the note regarding different methods of preparation for various types of sermons. It was also thoughtful of you to mention bro. Baxter's book regarding the Yale lectures.

I wrote to nine preachers in the south concerning this subject of sermon preparation. The response was excellent. It was certainly an educational experience to compare and contrast the various techniques employed by different ministers. It seems to me that there is an abundance of material on this subject which could be helpful in training young preachers in classes such as ours here or in the "preacher's schools" which seem to be currently in vogue. Specifically, I mean the ideas of some of the "outstanding"—and I hesitate to use that word, but in the context I hope you know what I mean—ministers of the Gospel. Perhaps this type of information ought to be included in the remaining editions of the "Great Preachers of Today" series, or maybe articles on the subject should be written for such publications as Minister's Monthly. Maybe I am not up on current happenings and something of this nature is or already has been done. What do you think?

Thanks again for your assistance. Best wishes in your work. It is always a delight for me to get your Herald of Truth sermons; keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Brewer