

THE PREACHER

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Who is the preacher? When this question is put to some one, he may say that Apostle Paul is the preacher. Some one says the name of Peter and some others may say James, John, etc. In this way, the answers will come out. They don't go beyond that. We will discuss about it briefly. Preacher means the one who proclaims the Gospel. Then what is the Gospel? Gospel means Good news. Then what is Good news? Good news is the news relating to God. Only the news which speaks about God or which gives information about God is Good News. When the angel informed the birth of Jesus Christ to the shepherds in Luke.2:10, the word 'good tidings' was used. Good tidings mean good news. Even though the scripture talked about the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, it is also said as good news i.e., the Gospel. So what ever said about God, it is good news because it is good to human kind. The preaching of Gospel means preaching about the God. Now our next question who can preach the God? Any one who knows about God can give information of God. Who knows about God? For example, when I want to tell about some place, I should have seen it and I should have complete information about it. Then my witness about it is reliable and acceptable. But here the subject relates to God. Then who can tell about God? Who knows about Him? And who has seen Him? The scripture says in John 1:18 "**No man hath seen God**

at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him”. The above scripture says that no one has ever seen God. When a man does not see God, how can he tell about Him? And when he has no chance to see God, how he can get knowledge about Him? The scripture at Ps.8:4 say that **“what is man, that thou are mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?”** Here we can understand that man is very low and his position is very low. Man is limited. God is unlimited. The limited can not know the unlimited. So, there is no chance to man to say about God. Then who can say about God? The answer for this question is God. Though others do not know about God, God knows about Himself. So **God only knows about God**. So He has to say about Himself. God did the same. In Gal 3:8, it is written that **“And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached the Gospel unto Abraham, saying, in thee shall all nations be blessed”**. Here we can understand that the promise made by God to Abraham was Gospel. And this was preached by God directly to Abraham. Any one who preaches the Gospel is Preacher. So this scripture clearly shows us that God is the preacher. Further it is written that the Gospel was also preached to the Israelites. Please see Heb.4:2 **“For unto us was the Gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it”**. So since beginning, the Gospel has been preaching. Many

think that Gospel was started with the books of the Gospel. And some other thinks the Gospel was started with John the Baptist. And some other thinks it was started during the time of Jesus Christ. But the Gospel was started to be preached by God since from the creation. How God started preaching the Gospel?

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