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Speaker Introduction for Dr. Jeremy W. Odom

An internationally award-winning author, prolific poet and dynamic preacher, Dr. Jeremy Odom is a humble and knowledgeable minister of God's word.

A modern day Jeremiah, it was no secret to his parents and older siblings that he was destined for greatness at a young age. He began his earthly ministry at the age of 15 at the First Baptist Church – Amulet under the late Dr. J.D. Dupree.

A graduate of Natchitoches Central High School and combat veteran of the United States Army, he has matriculated at Kaplan University, American Military University, Cambridge Theological Seminary, United Theological Seminary & Bible College, United States Army Chaplain Center & School and The Sure Foundation Theological Institute.

His awards include the Presidential Eagle's Award, Mayor's Award, honorary Doctor of Divinity and the Army Commendation Medal.

He is the former Pastor of the Bright Morning Star Baptist Church of Marco, Louisiana and currently serves as General President of the Louisiana Ministerial Association, Secretary of the Pastors and Ministers Conference of the Louisiana Home and Foreign Missions Baptist State Convention, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the National Pastors and Ministers Conference.

He is the author of *Preaching that Empowers God's People*, *Conducting Church Audits*, *A Pastor's Introduction to Church Administration*, *The Minister's Handbook*, *Poetic Life* and *Words from the Soul*.

Please help me welcome to the podium this [morning / afternoon / evening] the honorable Dr. Jeremy W. Odom.