

Notes - Book of Acts Study, Part 55 – Wednesday, Feb 24, 2021

Acts 13:6-12

⁶ They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷ who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ¹⁰ “You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹ Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.”

Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹² When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

Acts 13:2-3

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

No one is so far gone that God won't chase after them.

God's heart is for the lost!

If you want more of the Word, God will make sure you get it.

Psalm 18:30

³⁰ As for God, his way is perfect:
The LORD's word is flawless;
he shields all who take refuge in him.

Matthew 5:6

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Psalm 119:103

¹⁰³ *How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!*

When we advance the kingdom of God, we will always face opposition and pushback.

“We should not be surprised or shaken by opposition. Wherever there is likely to be great success, the open door and the opposing adversaries will both be found. If there are no adversaries, you may fear that there will be no success. A boy cannot get his kite up without wind, nor without a wind which drives against his kite.”

Charles Spurgeon

God’s power and presence dwell in us in the person of the Holy Spirit.

As believers, the Holy Spirit is in us.

1 Corinthians 6:19

¹⁹ *Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own*

We are not our own - and we are not on our own.

Ephesians 5:18

¹⁸ *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.*

Plerousthe: (Greek), Present imperative verb meaning “constantly being filled, or keep being filled”

“Lord, fill my sails today”

God takes what the enemy meant for evil and turns it for good!