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MESSAGE NOTES
Acts 29

**Are You Discerning the Real and Eternal
From the Fake and Temporary?**

Acts Chapter 13

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Acts 13:44-46 (NKJV)

On the next Sabbath almost **the whole city came together to hear the word of God**. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were **filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming**, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. Then **Paul and Barnabas grew bold** and said, *“It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.”*

Everyone has an opinion about life on earth. But only God’s order for life will remain in eternity.

Acts 13:48-52 (NKJV)

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region.

But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. But they **shook off the dust from their feet against them**, and came to **Iconium**. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

NOTES:

Acts 13:1-3 (NKJV)

Now in the church that was at **Antioch** there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, **Simeon who was called Niger**, Lucius of Cyrene, **Manaen** who had been **brought up with (“childhood companion” or “foster brother,” NLT)** Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they **ministered (Gr. worshipping) to the Lord and fasted**, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

Our effectiveness in saying _____ to _____ is dependent upon our commitment to say _____ to other distractions.

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Acts 13:6-7 (NKJV)

Now when they had gone through the **island (Cyprus)** to **Paphos**, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was **Bar-Jesus**, who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

Paphos was a city known for its immorality.

Acts 13:8-10 (NKJV)

But **Elymas the sorcerer** (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, “O full of all **deceit and all fraud**, you **son of the devil**, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease **perverting the straight ways** of the Lord?”

Paul uses spiritual discernment and operates in the gift of faith.

We live in an age where many do not believe in absolute moral truth.

83% of American teenagers say “moral truth” depends on the circumstances.

-The Barna Group

Proverbs 21:2 (NASB)

Every man’s way is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the hearts.

Acts 13:11-15 (NKJV) Paul continues.

“And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.” And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. Then **the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.**

Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to **Perga in Pamphylia**; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. But when they departed from Perga, they came to **Antioch in Pisidia**, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and sat down. And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, “Men and brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.”

Acts 13:16-17 (NKJV)

Then Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said, “Men of Israel, and you who fear God, listen: The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He brought them out of it.”

God’s Miraculous Provisions for the Israelites

- Rescued out of the World - Deliverance from Egypt
- Israel’s Bad Attitude and Immaturity - Patient in Wilderness
- Driving Out Enemies in Our Flesh - Victory in Promised Land
- Distributed Gifts and Graces Equally – Our Inheritance in Him
- God Sent Judges, Prophets, and Kings – To Lead His People

Acts 13:22b-23 (NKJV)

...He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, “I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.” From this man’s seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus...

Acts 13:40-41 (NKJV)

Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you: “**Behold, you despisers, marvel and perish!** For I work a work in your days, a work which **you will by no means believe**, though one were to declare it to you.”

Hebrews 3:12-13

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin...

Acts 13:42-43 (NKJV)

So when the Jews went out of the synagogue, **the Gentiles begged that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath.** Now when the congregation had broken up, many of the Jews and devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas, who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.