

***Good News
For The
Desperate***

Acts 13:6-12

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6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him.

Acts 13:6-12 - continued

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season.

And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Introduction

A. Saul (Paul) embarks on the first missionary journey

1. Missionary work would be the fulfillment of God's purpose in Paul's life

Acts 9:15

But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY
A.D. 48 TO 49

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 Distance in Miles

Introduction

**A. Saul (Paul) embarks on the first missionary journey
(continued)**

**2. Saul and Barnabas were called by the Lord and
sent by the church at Antioch**

Acts 13:1-5 (next slide)

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1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

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B. He sailed to Cyprus to minister

1. Barnabas' birthplace

Acts 4:36

And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,

2. He preached in the synagogues at Salamis

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Introduction

- B. He sailed to Cyprus to minister - continued**
 - 3. He meets two men to remember at Paphos**
 - a. Barjesus, who opposed them**
 - b. Sergius Paulus, who accepted Christ**

I. The Deputy Had A Desire (13:7)

A. He desired to hear the Word of God

1. Good news

Proverbs 25:25

As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

2. We need to desire the Word of God

1 Peter 2:2

As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

I. The Deputy Had A Desire (13:7)

B. The deputy was a prudent proconsul

Psalm 107:43

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD.

C. This important man knew he needed God

1 Corinthians 1:26

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

II. The Deputy Was Distracted (13:6-11)

A. By Elymas

1. Barjesus = Son of Jesus

2. Sorcerer = magos = powerful one

Ephesians 6:12

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

II. The Deputy Was Distracted (13:6-11)

A. By Elymas

3. Wanted to turn Paulus away from the Word

Mark 4:15

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

II. The Deputy Was Distracted (13:6-11)

B. Distractions often comes from those professing special gifts from God

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

II. The Deputy Was Distracted (13:6-11)

C. Saul boldly rebuked this enemy of the truth (vv 9-10)

1. Identified his actions and heritage

1 John 4:6

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

II. The Deputy Was Distracted (13:6-11)

**C. Saul boldly rebuked this enemy of the truth (vv 9-10)
(continued)**

**2. Servants of God must boldly denounce sin and
false teachings**

Ephesians 5:11

**And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of
darkness, but rather reprove them.**

II. The Deputy Was Distracted (13:6-11)

D. Elymas stricken blind for his opposition to the truth

Hebrews 10:31

**It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living
God.**

III. The Deputy Made A Decision (13:12)

A. When he saw what happened to Elymas, he believed

1. He saw that false teaching leads to blindness

2. He turned from false doctrine to faith in Christ

Acts 26:17-18

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

III. The Deputy Made A Decision (13:12)

B. The deputy was astonished at what Saul said

- 1. The gospel was truly good news to him**
- 2. The death and resurrection of Christ captured his heart**

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