

Acts, Part 13

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Introduction Summary

In this study, we will see how Paul faithfully served His generation in order for God's overall plan to come to pass in the earth. As a result of seeking revelation from heaven and choosing God's way, Paul stayed on course. Even though persecution arose, we will discover what Paul, along with Barnabas, did and how the plan of God continued to flourish through them.

- I. God has a course for you to fulfill and by which to serve your generation.
 - A. **Acts 13:22-25:** Both David and John fulfilled God's will.
 - B. **Acts 13:36:** David served his generation.
 - C. Being a police officer is a calling from God. We should not go against the establishment of the office (Rom. 13:1-4).
 - D. God calls people to do many different things.

- II. **Acts 13:23-24:** This is a sermon Paul preached.
 - A. Jesus is in David's lineage.
 - B. God promised David that Christ would be raised up (Acts 2:29-31).
 - C. God depends on you to do your part in order for Him to have His will come to pass in this earth (2 Sam. 7:12-13; Psa. 132:11-18).

- III. **Acts 13:25:** How do you finish your course and serve your generation?
 - A. A sacrifice is a lifetime gift to God (Rom. 12:1).
 - B. *Reasonable* means *logical*.
 - C. Renew your mind. *Renew* means to *think like God thinks* (Rom. 12:2; Isa. 55:9; 1 Cor. 2:14).
 - D. Be in a place where you get sound Bible teaching.
 - E. Meditate the Word of God day and night (Jos. 1:8).

- IV. **Acts 13:26-28:** The rulers did not seek revelation.
 - A. They were just performing a task.
 - B. Expect to receive revelation from God every time you go to church.

- V. **Acts 13:29-34:** The term "*sure mercies of David*" refers to the Messiah.
 - A. We become one in Christ because of God's mercy (2 Cor. 5:17-21).
 - B. We are witnesses that God did not hold our sins against us.

- VI. Do what you're called to do and become better at it every day.
- VII. **Acts 13:35-39:** The Law of Moses cannot *justify* or *make a person innocent*.
- VIII. **Acts 13:40-41:** Paul warned them that their fathers didn't listen and crucified the Messiah (Hab. 1:1-9).
 - A. Today, the body of Christ must choose to either believe the world's foolishness or believe God and act according to His Word.
 - B. When things happen, look to the Word first to find out why.
- IX. **Acts 13:43:** *Proselytes are foreign nationals*.
 - A. Barnabas' gift made room for him.
 - B. *Grace*, in this verse, means the *work of God* (Acts 20:32).
- X. **Acts 13:44-45:** The Jews were motivated by envy when they saw Paul and Barnabas had drawn a big crowd.
- XI. **Acts 13:46-47:** Paul and Barnabas were on assignment from God.
 - A. Do what the Lord commands you to do.
 - B. If you're in God's will, don't run away unless the Lord tells you to.
 - C. Every day, ask the Lord what He wants you to do.
- XII. **Acts 13:47-49:** Paul was God's choice to replace Judas. And through Paul's ministry, the Word was spread throughout the whole region.
- XIII. **Acts 13:50-52:** The Jews stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, yet the disciples were filled with joy.
 - A. When preaching the Word, don't be surprised when opposition comes.
 - B. God will deliver you (2 Tim. 3:10-12).
 - C. If everybody loves you, then you're probably not doing the Word.
 - D. If you're suffering persecution, you must be standing for God.
 - E. Don't cry, rejoice and be glad (Mat. 5:10-12).
 - F. It's time to do God's will for our generation while we still can.
 - G. No weapon formed against you shall prosper (Isa. 54:17).

Closing Summary

As we follow the example of Paul and Barnabas, we will have the experience of victory. We can continue to do God's plan by serving our generation, knowing that the Lord will always be with us.