

Series "God At Work" Book Of Acts
"Response Of The Word"
Acts 13:44-52
Study-26

Paul's preaching seems to result in a "Riot or a Revival and sometimes both!"

Thought Of Our Passage: "When God's Word Goes Forth, Some Will Reject, And Some Will Receive, But God's Servants Should Continue To Share"

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| 1. Verse 44-46 | Rejection of the Word |
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1. Verse 44-46 Rejection of the Word:

Acts 13:44 The next Sabbath Context: Paul and Barnabas are in the city of **Pisidian Antioch**. Galatia, present-day Turkey. Paul has just given his first recorded sermon, **Acts 13:16-41** in the book of Acts.

Acts 13:42-43

And the next Sabbath on the following Saturday. They were invited back to teach **Acts 13:42 People kept begging that these things might be spoken to them the next Sabbath.**

Interest In the Word: nearly the whole city assembled This is a response to the message that Paul had preached the prior week.

Acts 13:44 to hear the word of the Lord. attraction was, **word of the Lord.**

Acts 13:46 "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first;

Acts 13:48 glorifying the word of the Lord;

Acts 13:49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

Hebrews 5:11-14

Acts 13:45 Pride And Jealousy: But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy, Proverbs 27:4

and began contradicting the things spoken by Paul, this word contradicting – "to dispute, refuse, deny, speak against"

2 Thessalonians 2:10-12

and were blaspheming. "to vilify, specially to speak irreverently, defame, rail on, revile, speak evil" No doubt Jesus was spoken against!

Acts 13:46 Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly *"to be frank in utterance, or confident in spirit and demeanor, (preach, speak) boldly."*

and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; the priority of Jesus to come to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **Matthew 10:5-6**

Acts 3:26

since you repudiate it, *"to shove, to push off, figurative to reject, cast away, put away from, thrust away from."*

and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, - rejection of the Word is the rejection of eternal life.

2. Verses 46-49 Reception of the Word:

Acts 13:46 behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. This marks the great transition in the mission of the Church. Now the direction is to reach the Gentiles before the Jews.

Acts 13:47 This is what Isaiah said, **Isaiah 49:6**

Paul Saw Application In The Word: 'I HAVE PLACED YOU AS A LIGHT FOR THE GENTILES, THAT YOU MAY BRING SALVATION TO THE END OF THE EARTH.'" God's plan was to use the Jews/Israel to bring salvation to the world.

Simeon At Jesus' Dedication: Luke 2:29-32

Acts 13:48 Rejoicing Over the Word: And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; John 8:32

Receiving The Word: as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

Those who responded to the word and believed are described as having been "appointed for eternal life."

Here God Gives Us The Divine Side of Evangelism: "Divine Election."

That God calls people to salvation. The Bible states it. **Romans 8:29-30; Ephesians 1:4-6**

appointed to eternal life *"assignment, determined, enrolled"* and indicates that God's people have their names written in God's book **(Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3)**

Human Side of Evangelism: Acts 13:49 And the word of the Lord was being spread through the whole region.

The human side of evangelism: if we do not preach the Word, then nobody can believe and be saved. It takes both **2 Thessalonians 2:13-14** and **Romans 10:13-15**

Why is there such a diverse reaction to the teaching and preaching of the Word of God?

Matthew 13:3-23 Parable of "The Sower and The Seed."

The sower - Is Jesus Christ. **Matthew 13:37** "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,

Seed - Word of God **Luke 8:11** the seed is the word of God.

Jesus Gives Four Conditions of soil which are Four conditions of the Human Heart:

1. Matthew 13:19 The Hard Heart: Matthew 13:19

"**Hard Hearted.**" Their hearts have been traveled and used by all sorts of travelers for a long time. (4 Reasons They Have Become Hard)

1. Made hard by so-called open-mindedness, hearing about Religion. They have heard about this cult, and this "ism."

2. Made hard through Experiences.

3. Made themselves hard through their lifestyle, sinful Practices.

4. Made hard through our own Reasoning.

the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.

2. Matthew 13:20-21 The Shallow Heart: Matthew 13:20

These are those who hear the message and are gripped by their emotions; they are enthusiastic.

Matthew 13:21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, They have not had a heart change. Emotional only, feelings only

They hear an Emotional Appeal -

They hear the message and are under pressure to make a decision.

They have not come to the point of seeing their true sinfulness, and the need of God's forgiveness.

3. Matthew 13:22 The Divided Heart: Matthew 13:22 The soil of the divided heart. Weeds choke out the word.

Jesus gives two types of Weeds. (Need to be pulled out!)

1. The Weeds of Worries: worry of the world (*"The distractions of this age."*)

2. The Weeds of Riches: deceitfulness of wealth - Wanting to get rich

choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. Jesus said it this way.

Matthew 6:24

4. Matthew 13:23 The Fruitful Heart: Matthew 13:23 some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty." I believe that this is the only one that is truly a Christian. The others have no fruit at all.

3. Verses 50-52 Success of the Word:

Acts 13:50 Jews incited "stir-up" the devout women of prominence women who were influential in the community.

and the leading men of the city, men who held political positions in the community.

and instigated a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, - This was Satan working.

and drove them out of their district. Later on Paul speaks about this.

2 Timothy 3:10-11 happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium (Acts 14:1-7) and at Lystra; (Acts 14 stone to death)

Acts 13:51 But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. Jesus taught this as disapproval **Luke 9:5**

Iconium it was to the East 80 miles away.

Acts 13:52 Disciples – the followers of the teacher and His teaching.

were continually filled with joy - which is internal, not based upon the external.

and with the Holy Spirit. Joy and the Holy Spirit go together. **Galatians 5:22-23**

Application:

- 1.** We Should Give Full Attention To The Teaching Of The Word When Being Taught.
- 2.** We Should Receive The Word For Ourselves.
- 3.** We Should Receive The Word With Application In Mind.