

Series "The Acts Of God"
"Man's Word or God's Word"
Acts 21:1-17
Study-40

Acts 21:4

Acts 21:10-14

Acts 21 – Describes Two Accounts in which The Holy Spirit Gives either "Prediction's" Or "Prohibition's" Regarding the Apostle Paul's Visit to Jerusalem.

Acts 21:4

Acts 21:10-12

The Danger of interpreting difficulties as the Holy Spirit's "Prohibitions"

1. Verses 1-6 – Miletus To Tyre:

2. Verses 7-17 – Tyre To Jerusalem:

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Acts 21:1

"parted" – means "tore ourselves away"

Acts 20:17-38

Acts 20:23

(MAP)

"Rhodes" – "the isle of roses", southeast of Cos

Acts 21:2-3

"to Syria and landed at Tyre" – a major port on the trans-Mediterranean merchant ships. This is a distance of about 400 miles.

Acts 21:4

"looking up" – "He diligently searched out"

“through the Spirit” – means that the Spirit (Prediction, Warning, Heads Up) told them that Paul would undergo suffering for Christ, a message that naturally gave the believers deep concern. God was showing these believers that something that looked bad was going to happen.

Acts 21:5-6

2. Verses 7-17 – Tyre To Jerusalem:

Acts 21:7-8

Acts 6:1-6

Acts 8:5

Acts 8:40

Acts 21:9-10

“Agabus” – means “Surprise or astonishment”; He had foretold a famine, Acts 11:27-30

Acts 21:11

Jeremiah 13:1-8; Ezekiel 5:1-3

Acts 21:12-13

2 Corinthians 5:7

God help us that as Christians we would not be the source of the tripping of another Christian from doing God’s will. Sidetrack them! Get them to doubt!

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

Suffering can come in different ways:

1. Persecution –
2. Bodily decay and death –
3. The Growth as Christians –

The Holy Spirit will never guide us to give advice which, if obeyed, will be an escape from faithfulness.

Luke 22:33

Luke 9:51

The Holy Spirit's Prediction Versus Prohibition:

Why was Paul Encountering Such Pressure From His Friends to Go Against What He Knew to be God's Will?

1. Paul's Acquaintances Practiced The Common Disposition of Being Quick to Know God's Will For Someone Else:
2. Well-Meaning Believers Were Trying to Make God's Will Conform To Their Preconceptions:
3. Attempting to Turn Paul From Jerusalem, His Friends Demonstrated Their Spiritual Focus Was More On The Horizontal Than The Vertical:

Paul's Determination: For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Acts 21:14

Paul held to God's Revealed Will For His Life: Acts 9:15-16

Acts 19:21

Acts 20:22-24

Paul Played to An Audience of One: Galatians 1:10

Acts 21:15

(KJV Acts 21:15) "And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem." It could mean that they mounted horses, or just packed up to leave for Jerusalem.

Acts 21:16

"Mnason" – (Greek name – "Pleaser, solicitor"; Hellenistic Jew)

Acts 21:17

Application:

How do we then know the will of God? If even our Christian friends can lead us in the wrong direction, what is God's will?

1. We Must Seek God's Will In Order To Obey it: Not just to know it! Most of the time the issue is not knowing God's will but obeying it. James 4:17
2. We Must Submit To The Counsel of His Word: Psalm 119:105

John 17:17

3. We Must Be Committed To Prayer: Having a relationship with God, honoring His Name; Prayer means realignment. We pray and seek the mind of the Lord. Colossians 4:2

Psalm 66:18

4. The Counsel of Godly Believers: Those that know the truth and practice it. To those that we are willing to follow and obey. 2 Timothy 2:1-2
5. The Counsel of A Cleansed Conscience Through God: Hebrews 10:22

2 Timothy 1:3