WELCOME FAMILY & FRIENDS

Paul & Barnabas sent on their first missionary trip (Acts 13) – Part 2

Review of Previous Lesson:

Paul & Barnabas were commissioned with their first missionary trip.

Paul & Barnabas traveled to Cyprus.

In this Lesson:

 Paul & Barnabas travel to Cyprus. (continued)
Paul & Barnabas move onto <u>Antioch in</u>

Pisidia.

Paul & Barnabas travel to Cyprus. (continued) ACTS 13:4 – 12

Acts 13:6 - 8 (ESV)

6 When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. 7 He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

Notice the difference in attitude between Sergius Paulus and Elymas (Bar-Jesus):

Sergius was a man of intelligence who sought to hear the word of God.

Elymas opposed the men of God because he sought to turn away the proconsul from the truth.

3 John 1:9 – 10 (ESV)

9 I have written something to the church, but Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority. 10 So if I come, I will bring up what he is doing, talking wicked nonsense against us. And not content with that, he refuses to welcome the brothers, and also stops those who want to and puts them out of the church.

2 Corinthians 11:12 – 15 (ESV)

12 And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. 15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

Acts 13:9 - 11 (ESV)

9 But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him 10 and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? 11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand.

John 8:42 – 47 (ESV)

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. 43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. 46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? 47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

Acts 13:12 (ESV)

12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

Paul & Barnabas then move onto Antioch in Pisidia. ACTS 13:13-52

Acts 13:13 - 14 (ESV)

13 Now Paul and his companions set sail from Paphos and came to Perga in Pamphylia. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem, 14 but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.



Acts 13:15 (ESV)

15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it."

Acts 13:16 - 22 (ESV)

16 So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: "Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. 17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. 18 And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. 19 And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. 20 All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. 21 Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. 22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.'

Paul goes through the history of God's relationship with the nation of Israel:

- God chose the nation of Israel to be His family.
 - Deuteronomy 7:6 8
- God freed the nation of Israel from Egyptian bondage.
 - Exodus 6:1, 6
- The Nation of Israel had to wonder in the desert 40 years because of their sin and lack of faith in God.
- God then gave them the land of Canaan by destroying the 7 nations of the land.
 - ► Deuteronomy 7:1 2

- When the people asked for a king, despite God giving them judges, God gave them a king Saul, who reigned 40 years before God removed him from the throne.
- God then placed the great king David upon the throne.
 - 1 Samuel 13:14
 - ▶ 1 Kings 2:1 4
 - 1 Kings 14:8

In our next study, we will go on to examine the rest of Acts 13!