

# The Holy Spirit Has Set It UP

## Acts 13:1-12; 44-48

Acts 13 King James Version (KJV)

**13 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.**

- In the church Prophets and Teachers- New Testament implementation of the 5-fold. Perhaps teachers were converted rabbi's as many called Jesus.

**<sup>2</sup> 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.**

- They came to minister to the Lord.( singing- praise- declaring his name) Fasting denies the carnal man – flesh- and strengthens the inward man. Holy Spirit said, I have called them to a work- ACTS of the Holy Spirit The third person of the Godhead chief manifestation work spoken in the context of work.
- Separate and get into the work which will take you outside the routine of the church which others will maintain.

**<sup>3</sup> And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.**

- Not only is prayer and fasting for certain demonic activity but impartation for the work of the ministry.

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

- Jesus has not advocated but sits on the seat of intercession in heaven. He said the holy spirit would teach and guide them into all truth. John 16.

**<sup>5</sup> 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.**

- Now this is the first missionary journey and they choose to take John Mark. ( John will abandon them)

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

- Where the Holy Spirit sends them there are all ready Prophets of deception claiming Gods authority.

**<sup>7</sup> 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.**

- Whoever writes the laws controls the traffic! Satan has positioned Elymas where he could have influence over decisions the deputy was making.

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

- The confrontation is necessary to expose Elymas for there is no reason for him to contend with Paul and Silas other than fear of losing influence over him.

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

- The Holy Ghost will come and consume and operate in you for task even converted you normally would not perform.

**<sup>10</sup> 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?**

- Exposes his craftiness and manipulation and controlling ways.
- Exposes his source – not the potions and charms but being a child of the devil. Reveals that due to the encounter and message of the disciples he could have stopped walking in the ways of deception.

**<sup>11</sup> 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.**

- Gods mercy was upon Elymas for the actions seeming are as the same as Saul on Damascus road. Also the requirement to humbly allow someone else to guide you because of the inability to see ( the son)

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

- Gods plan probably surprised Paul and Barnabus having all ready spoken the word of life without persuasion this act of the holy spirit though seemingly harsh proves to be redemptive.

**44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.**

- The events that manifested upon the willingness of the disciples to go were unscripted and spontaneous. Its totally depended on the Holy Spirit to bring about the results and its up to us to be separated and go.

**45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.**

- Once again the attack of the enemy against the word by those who would loose influence over the people. Is the message a message of evil or of life.

**46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.**

- As with Elymas it required boldness to rebuke the absurdity and maliciousness of the people attacking them. They are being actually steered towards the harvest that God has ordained and the Holy Spirit sent them to.

**47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.**

- I have set thee to be a light of the people.
- You are to be ushers of Salvation.

**48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.**

- There is a crowd that will scorn you, reject you, malign you but there are people **ORDAINED** to hear you. Believe You, Support You!