

## Acts, Part 12

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### Introduction Summary

This lesson covers Acts 13:2-20. We will learn several things: The ministry is a lot of work. People should not call themselves to go into the ministry. Only God calls and anoints men and women for service. He also provides and anoints people to help ministry leaders. Further, it is vital that we always pray for people in high positions of authority. Then we will see that God calls individuals to specific projects and He may later add to the assignment. Finally, this lesson wraps up with an admonition from the Old Testament, to continue to follow God's way of life in order to enjoy the benefits of prosperity in our spirit, soul and body.

- I. **Acts 13:2:** God separated Barnabas and Saul for ministry work.
  - A. God has a call on the child before the child is born (Gal. 1:15-18).
  - B. Pray for workers (laborers) to go into God's harvest (Mat. 9:38).
  - C. One definition of grace is work.
  - D. You don't call yourself; even Jesus didn't call himself (Heb. 5:4).
  - E. God chose Paul for this work (Acts 9:15).
  - F. God assigns Paul to a specific purpose (Acts 26:16-17).
  - G. Called means invited. You can accept or reject God's invitation (Rom. 1:1).
  
- II. **Acts 13:3:** They separated them by laying hands on them.
  - A. Laying on of hands is a principle doctrine of Christ (Heb. 6:1-2).
  - B. Laying on of hands transmits the anointing, it heals the sick.
  - C. When things happen, go to the spiritual reason first.
  
- III. **Acts 13:4:** The Holy Ghost sent them forth. God tells you where to go.
  - A. When I graduated from Bible school, I told God where to send me; He ignored me.
  - B. It's the ones who God sent that have the beautiful feet (Rom. 10:14-15).
  
- IV. **Acts 13:5:** This is the same John that accompanied Barnabas and Saul (Acts 12:25).
  - A. When I go overseas I take someone to assist me.
  - B. John Mark was in the ministry of helps.
  
- V. **Acts 13:6-8:** Sorcery is power that's from the devil (Mat. 24:11; 1 The. 5:21).
  - A. Satan used this false prophet and sorcerer, Elymas, to try to keep the one in authority from hearing the Word of God.
  - B. Pray for those in authority; they wield a great of power (1 Tim. 2:1-5; Pro. 29:2).

- VI. **Acts 13:9-11:** This is the first time we see Saul called Paul. **Paul** means *worker*.
- VII. **Acts 13:12-13:** John Mark was on a mission to help Paul up to this point.
- A. God may call you for a specific task, and then add to your assignment.
  - B. Ex: I was first an exhorter. I was anointed to preach. Then I was anointed to teach. Later, God anointed me to pastor this church. Then God called me to the apostle's office.
  - C. When you do what God tells you to do, you are fulfilling a purpose.
- VIII. **Acts 13:14-19:** This is Paul's sermon from Egyptian bondage to that present time.
- A. These are the seven nations in the land of Canaan (Deu. 7:1-4).
  - B. Paul reminds them of what they did and how they acted.
  - C. **Acts 13:20:** God gave judges to them for 450 years until Samuel the prophet.
    1. Samson was anointed by the Holy Ghost to judge Israel. The judges' job was to deliver and protect Israel (Jud. 2:16).
    2. The Lord told Samson's mother that neither she nor Samson were to drink strong drink. What the mother eats or drinks, goes into the child in the womb.
    3. Deborah was anointed by the Holy Ghost to judge Israel (Jud. 4:4). God calls women to ministry offices.
    4. Samson killed 1,000 men when God anointed Him. He judged for 20 years (Jud. 15:16).
    5. Samuel was the last judge.
  - D. The children of Israel didn't want it God's way. They wanted a king (1 Sam. 8:5-8). God gave us the Old Testament for us to learn what was done right and what was done wrong. Realize God deals with Christians differently.
    1. God told Samuel to show them what a king will do to them (1 Sam. 8:9).
    2. God warned them that a king will *take* from them (1 Sam. 8:10-18).
    3. God was giving them a place to repent.
    4. They refused Samuel's voice (1 Sam. 19-20).
    5. Today, people want to follow the latest, hottest trend. Rebellion will *take* from you, just like it *took* from them.
    6. God told Samuel to give the people what they wanted (1 Sam. 8:21-22).
    7. Their first king's name was Saul. He does all things God said a king would do.

### Closing Summary

When a nation decides to go against God's principles, society will pay the price of poverty, sickness and death. It will result in your most treasured things in life

being taken from you. However, God never gives up on us. We must examine ourselves, repent and decide to live God's way. We must thank God for His mercy and choose His way. Then, when we decide to hear His Word, receive it, believe it, speak it and act on it, we will enjoy the benefits of wealth, health and the God kind of life.