

“A HUNGER FOR THE TRUTH”

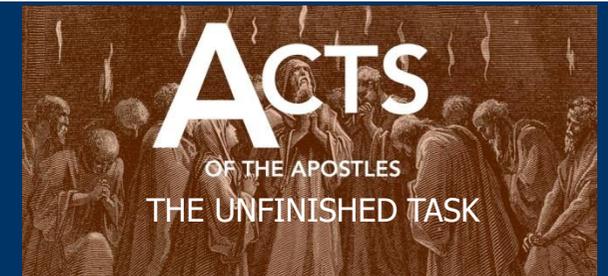
(Acts 13:14 - 52)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 30

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INTRODUCTION:

Famine



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Spiritual Famine



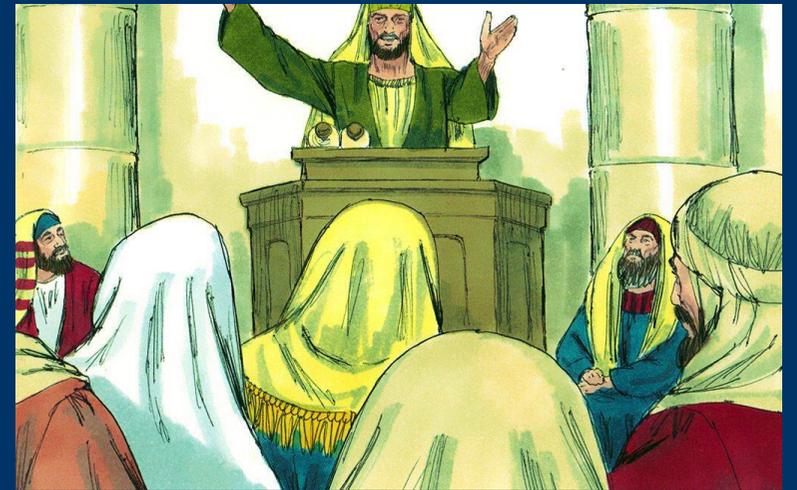
I. ORIENTATION: GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY



II. PROCLAMATION: SURVEY AND OFFER

Acts 13:15 *After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."*

Acts 13:16 *Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me!"*



II. PROCLAMATION: SURVEY AND OFFER

A) Abraham to Jesus

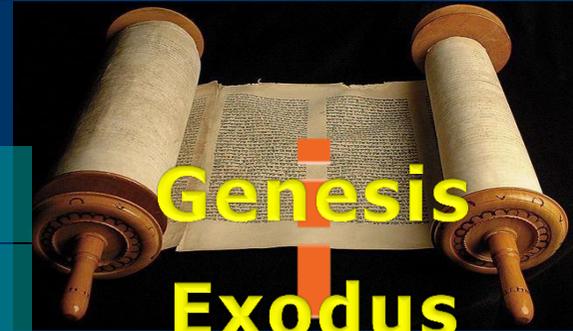
Acts 13:17 "The God of the people of Israel chose our ancestors; he made the people prosper during their stay in Egypt; with mighty power he led them out of that country;

18 "for about forty years he endured their conduct a in the wilderness,

19 and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their inheritance. **20** All this took about 450 years.

After this, God gave them judges

until the time of Samuel the prophet. **21** Then the people asked for a king, and he gave them Saul son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. **22** After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'



Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

Joshua

Judges

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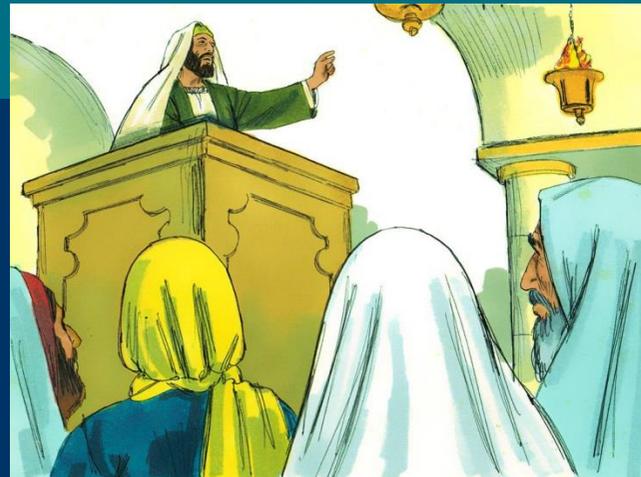
Samuel



II. PROCLAMATION: SURVEY AND OFFER

A) *Abraham to Jesus*

Acts 13:23 *"From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised."*



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B) Crucifixion and Resurrection

Acts 13:26 "Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent."

He offers them the Gospel:

A. The Crucifixion (vv. 27 -29),

B. The Resurrection (vv. 30 -34),

C. The Prophecy of David's "Thou wilt not allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay" and how it is fulfilled in Christ (vv. 35-37).



II. PROCLAMATION: SURVEY AND OFFER

C) *Forgiveness and Freedom*

Acts 13:38 *"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the Law of Moses.*



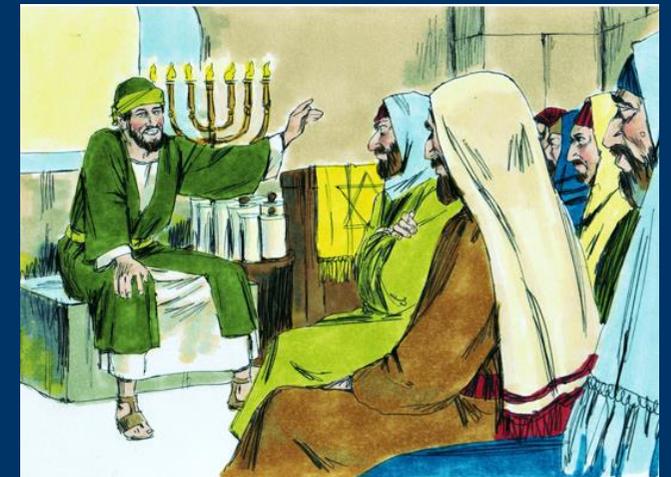
III. REACTION: ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION

A) *Invitation to Return*

Acts 13:42b *the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. ⁴³ When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.*



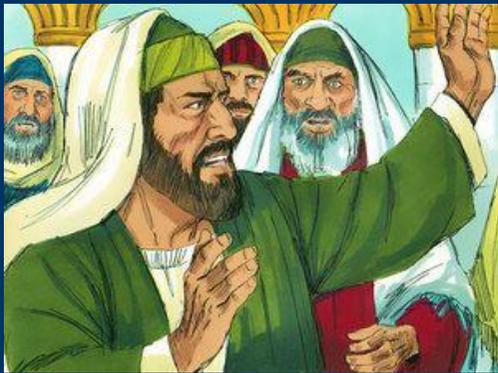
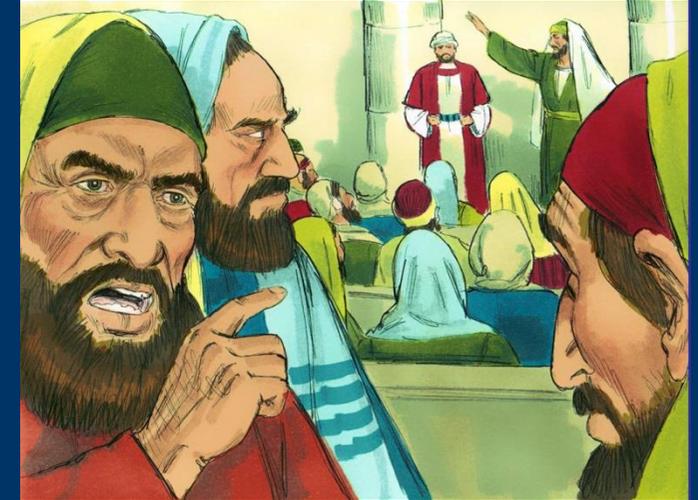
Acts 13:44 *On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord.*



III. REACTION: ACCEPTANCE AND REJECTION

B) Opposition from Jews

Acts 13:45 *When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him.*



Acts 13:46 *Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.*

Acts 13:47 *For this is what the Lord has commanded us: " 'I have made you f a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.' "*

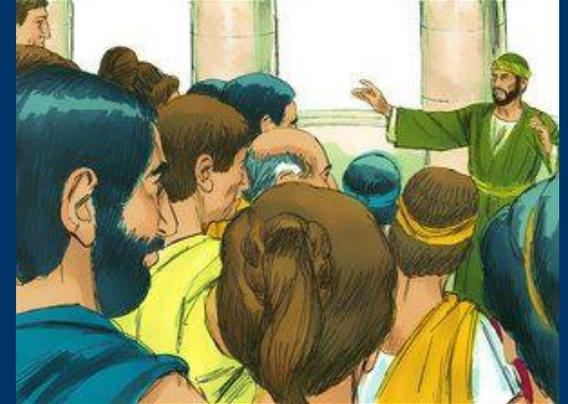
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Acts 13:48 *When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.*

49 *The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.* **50** *But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.*

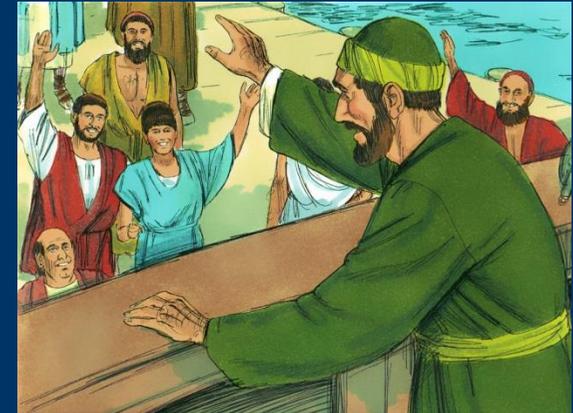
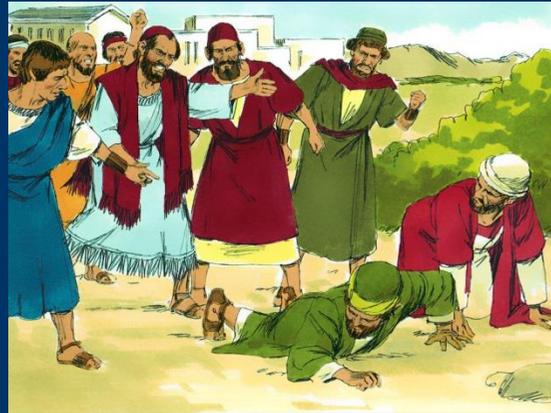
51 *So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium.*



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C) Rejoicing of Disciples

Acts 13:52 *And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

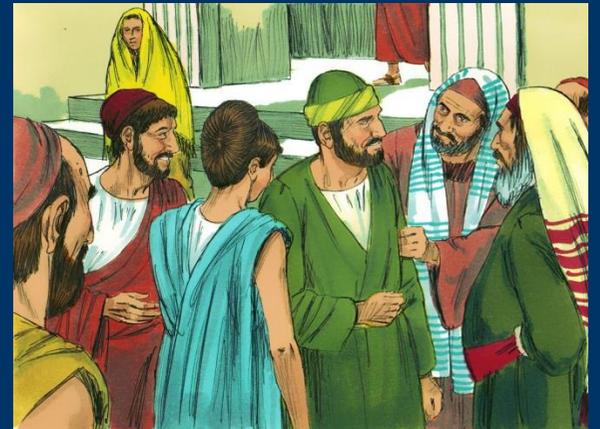
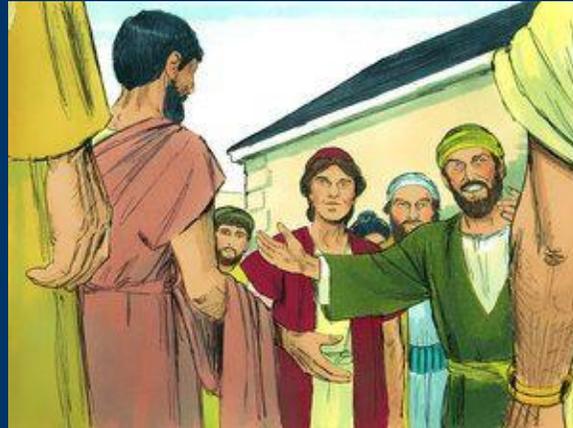
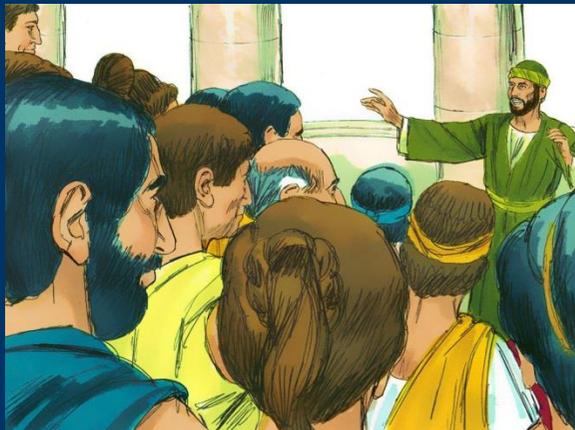


CONCLUSION:



Are you hungry for the freedom and forgiveness Christ has to offer?

Acts 13:38b-39a *"Through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things."*





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What is it like to be living in Famine? What's the difference between physical and spiritual famine?*
- 2. What was the reason Paul and Barnabas were determine to plant a church in Pisidian Antioch?*
- 3. Where did they choose to be their first point of contact in preaching the gospel? Why?*
- 4. How did Paul take the opportunity to proclaim the gospel? How effective is his approach in presenting the gospel?*
- 5. What were the responses from the congregation? How did Paul and Barnabas handle the opposition to the gospel?*



Scripture References:

Acts 13: 14 -52