

# PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY —ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA

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Acts 13 : 13-16, 38-49. Study Acts 13 : 13-52—Memory Verses, 38, 39.

**Golden Text**—The word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.—Acts 13 : 49.



13 Now when Paul and his company loosed from Pa'phos, they came to Per'ga in Pamphyl'ia : and John departing from them returned to Jeru'salem.

14 But when they departed from Per'ga, they came to An'tioch in Pisd'ia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down.

15 And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, *ye men and brethren*, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

16 Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with *his* hand said, Men of Is'rael, and ye that fear God, give audience.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins :

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Mo'ses.

40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets ;

41 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish : for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.

42 And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gen'tiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Bar'nabas : who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

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

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.

46 Then Paul and Bar'nabas 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 Gen'tiles.

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

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

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

## THE LESSON RETOLD

When Paul and Barnabas sailed away from Cyprus, they landed at a city called Perga. There John Mark left them, and went back to Jerusalem. But Paul and Barnabas journeyed far up the country, to a city called Antioch, a city of the same name as the one they had set out from to go to Cyprus. At Antioch, they went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. There, after the scriptures had been read, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, "Brethren, if you have any message for the people, say on".

Paul therefore stood up, and said, "Men of Israel, and all who fear God, listen to me". Then he went on to remind them of how good God had been to the people of Israel for so long, and of how ungrateful to Him they had been, and also of how, when God had at last sent His own beloved Son down to earth to be

their Saviour, they had first mocked and scorned Him, and then cruelly put Him to death.

"And", said Paul, "we have come to you to tell you the good news that God raised Jesus from the dead, and that He is indeed the long-promised Saviour. If you will believe in Him, your sins shall be forgiven. Be careful, therefore, lest, after you have been told of Him, you do not believe, and so at last perish."

As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the whole congregation begged them to preach to them again the next Sabbath. So, on the next Sabbath, almost the whole city came to hear them. When the Jews saw this, they were displeased, and spoke against everything that Paul said.

Then Paul and Barnabas spoke boldly to