

## Analytical and Biblical Outline.

## Two Classes of Hearers.

## I. FALSE HEARERS.

1. **Angry.** "*Filled with envy.*" v. 45.  
"Ashamed for their envy." Isa. 26. 3.  
"Ye scornful men." Isa. 28. 14.
2. **Opposing.** "*Contradicting.*" v. 45.  
"Adversaries...not be able." Luke 21. 15.  
"They please not God." 1 Thess. 2. 15, 16.
3. **Rejecting.** "*Put it from you.*" v. 46.  
"Ye will not come." John 5. 40.  
"Received him not." John 1. 11.
4. **Persecuting.** "*Expelled them.*" v. 50.  
"Children...them that killed." Matt. 23. 31.  
"Which of the prophets?" Acts 7. 51, 52.

## II. TRUE HEARERS.

1. **Eager.** "*The whole city.*" v. 44.  
"People shall be willing." Psalm 110. 3.  
"Shall the Gentiles seek." Isa. 11. 10.
2. **Glad.** "*They were glad.*" v. 48.  
"Tidings of great joy." Luke 2. 10.  
"Rejoice, ye Gentiles." Rom. 15. 10.
3. **Believing.** "*Ordained...believed.*" v. 48.  
"Other sheep I have." John 10. 16.  
"Saved through faith." Eph. 2. 8.
4. **Reward.** "*The Holy Ghost.*" v. 52.  
"Sealed with...Holy Spirit." Eph. 1. 13.  
"Will pour out my Spirit." Joel 2. 28.

## Thoughts for Young People.

## Worthy Witnesses for Christ.

1. *Worthy witnesses for Christ make the proclamation of the Gospel the one great work of their lives.* They are not all ministers, nor missionaries, nor deaconesses. In humble homes, in crowded shops, in business centers, on sick beds, there are to-day many who use all secular environments as so many instruments or opportunities for the proclamation of Christ's love to fallen humanity.

2. *Worthy witnesses of Christ win some and repel others.* It was so with Christ himself, and the servant is not better than his Lord. In our best endeavors we are sometimes misunderstood, sometimes misrepresented. All bad people, and some mistaken good people, are likely to be found in opposition to every "forward movement" of the Gospel.

3. *Worthy witnesses of Christ are always backed by God.* Whoever casts them out casts God out.

4. *Worthy witnesses of Christ are never defeated.* For opposition to the Gospel only serves to spread its beneficent influences.

## Lesson Word-Pictures.

**Sabbath in Antioch, far off in Pisidia.** And the Hebrew keeps it, this holy seventh day. O day of rest, that like some lofty mountain-top touches

heaven! This is the day of the worship of God, and, like the Hebrew of old for generations and centuries, the Antioch Jew goes reverently to the house of God, thinks of Jerusalem afar, prays toward the temple, and sings his psalms of thanksgiving. But why is it the synagogue is so crowded to-day? Is Gentile Antioch honoring the Sabbath of the Hebrew? There has been in other days no difficulty in accommodating people, but to-day people from the streets and shops, marketplace and court of justice, are crowding into the old Jewish synagogue, blocking the aisles, filling the doorway, pressing into every spot where they can possibly stand and see and hear.

But what is the reason of this excitement?

Do you see those two men over there among the Jews, but looking like strangers? You recognize them.

"Paul and Barnabas," you say. "A 'new voice'!"

Yes, and a new truth! And here is Gentile Antioch crowding as to a feast! The Jews are shaking their heads. They don't like this new doctrine. With eyes of envy and hostility they watch this scene of the thronging auditors in the old synagogue.

But Paul begins to speak. You see his rapt face, you hear his earnest voice.

I wonder if he anticipated the issue of that address, the interruptions of the Jews, their invective and blasphemy, and that he and Barnabas, standing boldly, would firmly declare their purpose to turn away from the unbelieving Jews to the Gentiles!

Serious issue!

The old wall of division going down, down, and the universal religion going out everywhere!

While Gentiles believe and rejoice, how bitter is the persecution of the Jews! I can see men and women going about the streets stirring up opposition. What a commotion there is! What angry waves of opposition! And the apostles are swept out of the city by the hostile tide. They turn ere they pass wholly away. They shake off the dust of their feet in solemn renunciation, and then hurry—whither? O, how homeless is the aspect of their flight! but, O, how happy are they in the thought of the favoring, sustaining presence of God!

Whither do they go?

Look inside the synagogue of Iconium! It is a previous scene repeated—the apostles standing up and boldly proclaiming salvation, a multitude listening. Many believe. Many follow. There is a long season of triumph that succeeds these labors.

But in the meantime look about the city. How serious is the division! In this house they are advocating the cause of the apostles. Before the next door is gathered a mob waiting for the appearance