Discovering the Power of Word

A Reading and Listening Session Recap

ACTS 13



With Sister Paulette Morrison
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Join us as we delve into the transformative power of the Word of God! This article summarizes our recent reading and listening session focused on the Book of Acts, chapter 13.

Event Details

- **Date:** Sunday Evening, February 27, 2022
- **Focus:** Book of Acts 13 (NIV) - Selective verses

Key Scripture Excerpts

Below are some key verses we explored, offering a glimpse into the rich narrative and profound truths found in Acts 13.

Acts 13:1-3: Prophets and teachers at Antioch; the Holy Spirit sets apart Barnabas and Saul.	*While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."* This passage highlights the importance of listening to the Holy Spirit's guidance and the call to ministry.
Acts 13:4-10: Barnabas and Saul sent by the Holy Spirit; encounter with Bar-Jesus and Sergius Paulus.	*But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them, trying to turn the proconsul from the faith.* This illustrates the spiritual battles faced when spreading the Gospel.
Acts 13:14-16: Paul addresses Israelites and Gentiles.	*Men of Israel and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me!* Paul's address demonstrates the inclusive nature of the Gospel message.
Acts 13:26: Message of salvation.	*Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent.* This verse emphasizes the universal offer of salvation.
Acts 13:32-33: Promise fulfilled in Jesus.	*"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors He has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus."* Highlighting the fulfillment of God's promises through Jesus.

Acts 13:38-39: Forgiveness and justification through Jesus.	*"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses."* Jesus offers forgiveness and justification.
Acts 13:42-43: Paul and Barnabas invited to speak further.	*As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to speak further about these things on the next Sabbath.* The eagerness to learn more about the Gospel.
Acts 13:45-49: Turning to Gentiles, spreading the word.	*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 are now turning to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'"* The shift towards reaching the Gentiles with the Gospel.
Acts 13:52: Disciples filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.	*And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.* The result of embracing the Gospel – joy and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

TOPICS FROM READERS AND LISTENERS

During our session, participants shared insightful observations and reflections. Here are some key topics that emerged from the discussion, contributed by Evangelist Dobney, Deaconess Morrison-Ellis, Sis. Donna & Sis. Paulette.

- **Devoted Messenger:** – Acts 16 (Exploring further the theme of dedicated service to God.)
- **Separate Me:** – Acts 13:2 (The divine call to specific tasks and ministries.)
- **False Prophet:** – Acts 13:6 (Recognizing and countering deceptive influences.)
- **Good News of Salvation:** – Acts 13:14-47 (The core message of hope and redemption through Christ.)

In Summary

Our reading and listening session of Acts 13 provided a powerful reminder of the Holy Spirit's leading, the importance of sharing the Gospel with all people, and the joy that comes from embracing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We encourage you to continue exploring the Word of God and allowing it to transform your life.