

THE REVIVAL AT EPHESUS

ACTS 19:11-19

Text:

Introduction:

Paul is now in the middle of his third missionary journey. He remains in the city of Ephesus it serves as his headquarters. In this passage we see that he is in the middle of not merely ministry, but also spiritual warfare.

This Christian life is truly a battle.

Ephesians 6:12

¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

Notice in this passage.

1. THE RESISTANCE OF SATAN (VS. 11-14)

Acts 19:11-14

¹¹ And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: ¹² So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. ¹³ Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name

of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. ¹⁴ And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva, a Jew, *and* chief of the priests, which did so.

Note:

Every good work of God will be opposed.

A. They Abused the Name of Jesus

Many false religions use the name of Jesus. Even the Mormons and the Eastern Mystics say they believe in Jesus, but what they believe is very different from what the Bible teaches. Jesus is not just another prophet.

B. They Imitated the Work of Paul

Satan is a great imitator.

2. THE REVERSAL OF THE PLOT (vs. 15-16)

Acts 19:15-16

¹⁵ And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? ¹⁶ And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

A. The Evil Spirit Recognized Paul and Jesus

B. The Evil Spirit Refuses to Leave

Not only did these spirits refuse to leave they also attacked these men.

3. THE REVIVAL AT EPHEBUS (VS. 17-19)

Acts 19:17-19

¹⁷ And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. ¹⁸ And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. ¹⁹ Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all *men*: and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

- A. The Name of Jesus was Magnified
- B. The People Believed of Christ
- C. The People Turned from Their Sin