

DESIRED TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD ACTS 13:6-12

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Introduction:

1. THE DESIRE (VS 7)

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⁷Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

- A. A desire to hear the Word of God.
- B. He was a prudent man.
- C. He knew he needed the Lord

2. THE DISTRACTION (VS 6-11)

Acts 13:6-11

⁶ And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: ⁷ Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, ¹⁰ And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

A. This sorcerer, a false prophet who's name meant the son of Jesus enters the scene

B. Distractions often come from people professing or possessing special gifts.

C. Saul (Paul) boldly rebukes this enemy of the truth. (vss. 9-10)

1. He called him a deceiver and corrupter of the truth.

2. He called him a child of the Devil and an enemy of righteousness.

D. This man was blinded for his opposition.

3. THE DECISION (VS 12)

Acts 13:12

¹²Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

- A. He saw that false teaching leads to blindness
- B. He turned from false doctrine to faith in Christ.
- C. The deputy was astonished by the real Jesus.

Close:

After the deputy's conversion Saul's name was changed to Paul.

It's interesting that Paul is given the name of his very first convert.

The truth is when we lead others to Christ we too are changed.