



SERMON NOTES

Old Ways Won't Open New Doors

Acts 13:13-43

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Acts 13:1-4 (NKJV)

1 Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **2** As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away. **4** So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

PILLARS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Acts 13:3 (NKJV) Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

Mark 10:16 (NKJV) And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 16:17, 18 (NKJV) And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

James 5:14-15 (NKJV) Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

1 Timothy 5:22 (NKJV) Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

GOD'S WORD WAS THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Acts 13:5 (NKJV) And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.

PILLARS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

WORSHIP, PRAYER & FASTING

DEVOTED TO MINISTRY

THE HOLY SPIRIT

MEMBERS EMBRACED THEIR CALLINGS

MINISTRY OF LAYING ON OF HANDS

GOD'S WORD WAS PARAMOUNT

ANOINTED MINISTRY STIRS UP THE ENEMY

Acts 13:6 (NKJV) Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus,

THE OCCULT IS FORBIDDEN BY GOD

Deuteronomy 18:9-14 (NLT) "When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, be very careful not to imitate the detestable customs of the nations living there. **10** For example, never sacrifice your son or daughter as a burnt offering. And do not let your people practice fortune-

telling, or use sorcery, or interpret omens, or engage in witchcraft, 11 or cast spells, or function as mediums or psychics, or call forth the spirits of the dead. 12 Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD. It is because the other nations have done these detestable things that the LORD your God will drive them out ahead of you. 13 But you must be blameless before the LORD your God. 14 The nations you are about to displace consult sorcerers and fortune-tellers, but the LORD your God forbids you to do such things.”

WHY DOES GOD OPPOSE ALL OCCULT PRACTICES?

1. The occult is rebellion against _____.
2. The occult is Satan's _____.
3. The occult perverts God's _____.

The Devil is the Master of Deception

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NKJV) For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Luke 10:17-20 (NKJV) Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” 18 And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”

Acts 13:7-10 (NKJV) who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. 9 Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him 10 and said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?”

Elymas the sorcerer

1. He was _____ with evil.
2. Satan was his _____.
3. Wickedness his _____.
4. The truth he _____.

Acts 13:11-12 (NKJV) And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time.” And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand. 12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

Answers:

1. God
2. Trap
3. Truth

1. Filled
2. Father
3. Friend
4. Falsified