

June 2, 2024
Acts 28:1-16
“Lovingkindnesses”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Surviving the snake bite was a miracle. By this miracle God distinguished his man Paul out of all the 276! His ministry and message has been authenticated.

“These people thought that calamity was proof of guilt, poor philosophy and worse theology.”
A. T. Robertson

Publius showed hospitality; Paul prayed over his sick dad and he was healed as were many others on the island. The apostles never healed at will, they performed miracles only on the Lord’s or the Spirit’s intimations. Paul prayed, then laid hands on him, God worked the miracle through Paul. Gleaned from *R. C. H. Lenski*

Malta fever was from a microorganism found in goats milk. There has since been a vaccine produced to deal with the sickness. Before a vaccine was available this condition could go on for 3 months up to two years before running its course.

From Italy’s toe tip at Rhegium to the harbor of Puteoli was another 180 miles. R. C. H. Lenski sailed through this area years ago and saw three huge volcanoes along the way. He noted that after Paul had passed this way one of them would erupt killing Drusilla and her son, she was the wife of Felix that we encountered earlier in [Acts 24](#).

Obedience brings blessing. God refreshed Paul in Malta with blessings. Showers of blessings. Consider [Deuteronomy 28](#). Paul makes it to Rome as promised by God.

Application:

In a world in which you can be most anything, be kind. To be kind is to be obedient to the Lord, obedience brings blessing. Hospitality is important to the Lord and therefore should be important to us. Often it brings great benefit to the very one showing kindness through hospitality, just look at the whole isle of Malta! Let’s emulate the Lord’s kindness [Isaiah 63:7](#), “I shall make mention of the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, According to all that the Lord granted us, And the great goodness toward the house of Israel, Which He has granted them according to the abundance of His lovingkindnesses. (NASB) and [Colossians 3:12](#), “So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;” (NASB)