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Acts 13:27-41
“Getting Historical, Finding Common Ground” Part 2

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Amos 8:11, “Look the days are coming-this is the declaration of the Lord God-when I will send a famine through the land: not a famine of bread or a thirst for water; but of hearing the words of the Lord.” With the Word there is hope, without the Word there is no hope. Many are burdened with the sin of unbelief. Warn the lost, reject Jesus and perish, receive Jesus and live with Him forever.

The gospel in a nutshell, **Acts 13:38-39**.

Habakkuk 1:5, beware of impending judgment. The message was clear to them, believe or be judged. The message is the same today, no middle ground, either you are genuinely justified or you will be literally judged for your unbelief.

The gospel is confrontational, see **Matthew 10:34-36**. People want peace, but it cannot be peace at any cost. There must be a call for decision. A call for allegiance to Jesus as Lord. What the hearer does with it is on them, our part is to be faithful in sharing the words of life with those who will hear. See **Ezekiel 3:16-27**.

Application:

Every believer in Jesus as Savior is on a personal missionary journey. **Hebrews chapter 12** teaches that each one has a race set before him/her, and there is a call for endurance. To even leave the starting line, one must first genuinely believe in Jesus as personal Savior. As one runs his or her race it is imperative to pay attention to Scripture, it is what the Lord has said that matters, nothing else. There is no substitute for a good working knowledge of Scripture. Those called do not run alone, they are empowered by the Holy Spirit by which they have been sealed until the day of redemption at the instant they first believe. Remember the promises He has given you as you run your race. Those who hear the word of truth and reject it face terrifying judgement. Keep going! Like Paul and his group, we are called to water and sow the seeds of the gospel in the lives of those we encounter along our race. God is the one Who saves. Don't let the cares of this world entangle you, divert you, from the important task of carrying out the Great Commission, remember, each one has his/her own race set before them.