

## THE PROMISES AND WARNINGS OF THE GOSPEL: A 13:38-52

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### INTRODUCTION

1. Preaching the resurrection of Jesus - A13 - sermon in Pisidian Antioch.  
Review - now v38-52

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#### 1st: The Gospel Promises Forgiveness of Sins - v38-39

1. v38 *brethren*: who receive gospel by faith [Rm 9:8]. Ab's promised seed.
2. *thru Him forgiveness of sins of proclaimed to you* [Lk 24:46-47].
  - i. *Him* = Jesus - res'd enthroned Davidic King.
  - ii. *forgiveness of sins* - send away: scapegoat [Lev 16]
  - iii. Jesus is historical basis for forgiveness declared in message received by faith - v39. Faith: has facts; 2] agrees w/ interp & 3] entrusts self.
    - a. sin = violation of God's law -> judgment/wrath
    - b. receive forgiveness by faith in Jesus as Savior - *brethren*
    - c. Paul proclaims what Jesus has accomplished & what HS applies to believers: full & final atonement: forgiveness of sin.
  - iv. JnB proclaimed *bapt of repentance* [v24]: believing repentance
3. v39 - *freed* [2x]: Grk "justified" [pardon of sin & imputation of righteousness]. Why not translate as "justification"?
  - i. legal exoneration; release from legal obligation - Rm 6:7 *freed* the experiential aspect of justification - no longer in legal slavery to sin.
  - ii. v39 - not obligated to Mosaic legislation [ceremonial & civil law]
4. v38-39 contrasts *thru Him* w/ *thru Law of Moses*. People in synagogue likely think justification thru law: circum. Problem w/ OCov Law: 1] what God gave it to be & 2] what unbelievers made it to be.
  - i. Heb 10:1 OCov cer'al law = shadow; reminds of sin [v3]; animal sac ineffective [v4]; need fulfillment of Ps 40 - sinless human sac.
  - ii. Heb 10:10-14 [Ps 110] - enthronement on basis of final sacrifice. NCov promised in Jer 31:31ff in v15ff -> v17-18 forgiveness of sin

iii. Unbelievers turned the cer'al privileges [gospel promises] into a works religion - trusted in their religious performance: Pharisees. External rituals while hearts devoted to idols - denounced by prophets.

5. Paul is telling people in synagogue that OCov has been fulfilled w/ the life, death & resurrection of Jesus. What was promised is given in Jesus.

#### 2nd: The Gospel Warns of Damning Judgment - v40-41

1. v40 hearers consists of two types of people: believers or unbelievers .
2. *Take heed* - watch out! *so that what prophets said not overtake you*.
  - i. v27 *the utterances of prophets*. v40: *spoken*. Prophets = speech of God [v34, 35]. Scripture = speech of God: *take heed*.
  - ii. *not come upon you* - unexpected & unprepared - sudden judgment
3. v41 = Hab 1:5 [Septuagint]: Jerusalem on verge of invasion. Most not believe but *the righteous will live by faith* - worship & wait for Lord to save
4. v40-41 is end of sermon! Paul sees people in synagogue as Hab saw people in Jerusalem! *Scoffers*- shout down. In Hab 2:5 *haughty, arrogant*

#### 3rd: The Results of Paul's Preaching - v42-52

1. 2C 2:15-16 gospel divides hearers: receptive, curious, rejection.
2. v42-43 some invite back [curious]; some *followed* = receptive *urged to con't in grace*. Church in 14:21 - given same message: persevere in faith.
3. v44 - next Sab many others assemble to hear gospel
4. v45-47 1st use of *the Jews* in Acts: leaders - *jealous* & realize Xnty is not Judaism: *contradict & blaspheme* - *repudiate* - thrust away.
  - i. *judge themselves* [differentiate from believers]; unbelief is not *worthy of* [corresponds properly to] the gospel
  - ii. *behold* - see this - look at hist'al act wh/ is fulfillment of prophecy

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- iii. v47 - conflation of Isa 42:6 & 49:6 re: Servant of Lord. Paul assumes responsibility for the mission of Messiah!
- 5. v48-52 Gentiles burst into celebration - wh/ Gentiles: *as many as had been appointed to eternal life* [A2:39].
  - i. Jews instigate persecution & apostles depart. God abandons [Rm 1].
  - ii. Rxns: curious & confused; offended & angered; v52 joy of sin forgiven; of new life & new community - of union w/ Jesus.