

The Book of Acts Study Notes

CHAPTERS 28

Paul on Melita (28:1-15)

- ❖ Psalm 107:23-31
- ❖ Paul has no idea that he is literally on the other side a common sailing place
 - ➔ Always remember that there is another side...
- ❖ Melita: honey, Malta: place of refuge
- ❖ Vs. 2: barbarous people: not speaking Greek but their native language
 - Wasn't the negative connotation we may imply
 - They were a kind people
- ❖ Vs. 3: Paul helps (LIKE A SERVANT) the barbarous people by gathering wood for the fire, a viper comes out and bites Paul
- ❖ Vs. 3: The snake was resting in the sticks and stirring the sticks awakened the viper
 - Sticks concealed but fire revealed
 - Why would the viper bite Paul?
 - Survival
 - Agitation
- ❖ Have you ever asked yourself why does it always seem bad things happen to you when you are trying to do good?
- ❖ Vs. 4: MISJUDGED
 - Now think Greek goddess of justice, Dikee getting justice for Paul's sins...
- ❖ How to handle things when you are bitten: Shake it off
 - Doesn't complain but shakes off the viper
 - Paul still had purpose to fulfill so the viper couldn't take him out
- ❖ Vs. 6: Perceptions change: When unbelievers see us go through and keep the faith, the manifestation of the glory revealed through challenges causes folk to see us differently

Publius (vs. 7-10)

- ❖ His father has a fever (is plural): bloody dysentery
- ❖ Paul prays and lays hands on him and he is healed – James 5:14-15; Mat. 9:18
- ❖ The results of staying focused and operating in your anointing, healing of many – vs. 9
 - 1 Cor. 12:1-8
 - The word used in for healed in vs. 9 is a medical term (therapeuō)

Paul meets believers (vs. 11-15)

- ❖ Paul has written Romans some 3 years before he got there and the brethren were excited to meet him
- ❖ Rom. 1:8
- ❖ Are we willing to move to get the Word? Vs. 15

Paul in Rome (vs. 16-31)

- ❖ Vs. 17: Paul calls for the Jewish leaders
 - I haven't done anything against the people or customs of the fathers – Acts. 22:24; 25:8
- ❖ Vs. 18-19: Would have been let go if not for my own people – Acts 25:11
- ❖ Vs. 20: I am bound for the hope of Israel – Acts 26:6-7; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:1; 2 Tim. 1:8

- ❖ Vs. 21: They didn't know anything about accusing letters

- ❖ Vs. 22: We want to hear you and about this "sect"

- ❖ Vs. 23-24: Many exposed but not all believed – Luke 24:27; Acts 14:4
 - The choice is still ours – Joshua 24:15

- ❖ Vs. 25-27: Isaiah's Words – Isa. 6:9-10; Jer. 5:21; Eze. 12:2; Mat. 13:14; John 12:40-41; Rom. 11:8

- ❖ The Gentiles will receive God's Word – Isa. 42:1,6; Rom. 11:11