

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

June 23, 2019

Acts 13:4-12

## READ

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Ephesians 6:10-17

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Who sends this missionary team (vv. 3, 4)? What role does each play?
2. What is noted about the team in v. 5? What role will he play?
3. What will become their S.O.P. (standard operating procedure) (v. 5)? Why do they establish this approach?
4. How does the work progress in Cyprus (vv. 5, 6a)? How does that strike you?
5. Two men are finally mentioned (vv. 6, 7). The first, v. 6, is \_\_\_\_\_. He is a.k.a. \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8). Identify three characteristics of him in v. 6:
  - (1)
  - (2)
  - (3)
6. The second, v. 7, is \_\_\_\_\_. Identify three things about him in v. 7:
  - (1)
  - (2)
  - (3)Why would a man like him allow a man like that described in v. 6 to be associated with him?
7. How does Elymas react to the presence of Barnabas & Saul (v. 8)? Why?
  - (1)
  - (2)

8. *Paul* (note the change from Saul, v. 9) further declares five things about Elymas (v. 10):

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

(5)

What does this add to the picture concerning their opponent?

9. Elymas finds a good OT parallel in Balaam (Numbers 22-24). Compare these NT passages about Balaam to Elymas. What do they further suggest about the kind of man, or influence, he may be?

- 2 Peter 2:15-16
- Jude 10-13
- Revelation 2:14

10. How would Paul characterize this confrontation (c.f., Ephesians 6:10-17)? What are they up against (Colossians 2:8; 2 Corinthians 10:5)? How is this confrontation not against flesh & blood?

11. What is a prerequisite for this kind of confrontation (v. 9)?

How can you put yourself in that position (Romans 8:4-6, 13-16)?

12. The proconsul responds positively (v. 12). He believed at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. He is amazed at \_\_\_\_\_.

## **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

1. I will acknowledge the presence & leading of the Spirit this week by . . .

2. I will submit to God and resist the devil (James 4:7) this week by . . .