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Daily Bible Notes/Highlights Genesis through Revelation 2014

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Acts

C9 Luke records the account of the arch-persecutor, Saul. He was a relentless murderer of the believers. The movement was called, The Way.

He's knocked down by an extraordinary light. And a voice that no one else could hear is interrogatory. Why are you persecuting me. Saul is blinded and his life would never be the same again. The Lord sends Ananias.

Saul would become the spokesperson for the faith to the Gentiles and kings Saul would bring credibility to the faith in the eyes of men in a way that the other apostles could not. He was called to suffer much for Christ. Only The Lord can change a person from an arch-hater, to the greatest spokes-person other than Jesus Himself.

He could not be refuted. Now, Jesus had one of their boys. Not simply anyone, but a fellow highly esteemed and recognized for his pedigree. They would attempt to murder him (20-25).

Understandably his old reputation preceded him. People were afraid (26-27).

Luke records Peter's account with Aenas and Dorcas. Aenas was paralyzed for eight years and Dorcas/Tabitha was dead. He heals Aenas and raises Dorcas from the dead. The news spread affirming the Gospel (33-43).

C10-12

C10 Vss 1- Luke records how the racial and ethnic barrier was crossed. A Roman officer who was a devout seeker is given a vision. Simultaneously Peter is given a vision and object lesson.

He rejects a menu of forsaken food in the vision, but God gives Peter a standard for all of us to learn.

What God presents to us we are never to call unclean. This vision was repeated (9-15).

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This is an excellent example of how providence works. The same thing was presented three times. It could not be disregarded as coincidence. And when this occurs be prepared for what follows. Here comes the experience with Cornelius (17-25).

Peter would not allow himself to be worshipped. And Peter learns a lesson that he must change his discriminatory bias (28-38).

When people are not careful, they suffer the same as the religious leaders. God was ensuring that the apostles would not be infected with the same prejudice and narrow-mindedness. Peter convinces the others.

C11 Vss 1- Unfortunately, the young movement was already suffering with discrimination and ready excoriate Peter. Peter explains what happened. They began presiding The Lord. This demonstrates why The Lord had already moved to break the discriminatory barrier (1-18).

Though the people praised God, bigotry is a insidious cancer.

Luke captures the results of the scattering. They traveled far, but Luke notes only to the Jews. It's like preaching the Gospel of faith at the church-house. It's needed there. Some began preaching to Gentiles. Jerusalem leaders dispatch Barnabus to report and indeed it was accurate. Gentiles were receiving The Lord. Agabus gives a word that famine is also coming to the Roman Empire believers send support to Jerusalem.

God was protecting the movement with an advance word (27-30).

C12 Vss 1- Luke records the governor's persecution and when he found it pleased the Jews it encouraged him to kill more. It is a dangerous combination when the religious and governance come together. It may sound right and look right, but it usually means some of the most oppressive and discriminatory acts.

James is killed and Peter is on the executioners schedule. The church is praying and Peter is miraculously rescued from prison. Arriving at Mary's home Rhoda tells the prayer Peter is at the door and they think she is delusional. They are shocked when they recognize he is there.

Prayer involved expecting what we pray for and to expect it any time (1-17).

Herod kills the guards who let him escape, but receiving the people's adulation as a god he was stricken dead consumes with words. It's always a trap or bad idea to assume the position of a god (18-23).

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