

THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHAPTER 19:21-41

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TITLE:

Satan Counters The Attack

BEING READY TO SHARE THE LORD

THEME:

Acts 1:8

*"But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **"you shall be witnesses to Me"** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

- **Last Week Satan** *did his best to overthrow the work of the Lord by Deception-Imitating God's work thru the seven sons of Lefty*
- **Now Satan ups** *the Ante, not with more deception, but with Destruction, and tries again with a more sophisticated form of Attack - Apathy & Compromise*

Trouble will Come to us as a Christian, **DON'T FEEL LEFT OUT**

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, (Be self-controlled) and be vigilant; (alert) because your adversary the devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may **devour**.

- * **Devour** **GRK 2666 katapino (kat-ap-ee'-no)**
to drink down, to gulp entirely, to swallow (up).

Sometimes he'll try *gobbling you up with comforting words and easy answers...*

John 8:44

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, **he speaks his native language**, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

A.) Paul's Responsibility to the Gospel vv. 21-22

There Are (2) Things That We See in This Section

Paul's Responsibility to the Gospel

#1 *By Having a Heart for the Church* vv. 21

- He didn't leave them *too soon, and he did stay a moment too long...*
The Time Was Right - The Lord is always on Time!!!

The Word of the Lord Grew Mightily and Prevailed
~~~~~ In Scope and In Influence ~~~~~

#### Paul's Responsibility to the Gospel

##### #2 *Is Seen By His Ability to Follow The Lord* vv. 21b-22

"When these things were accomplished,  
Paul **purposed in the Spirit,**"

Scholars Argue over *the word (S) spirit here saying that it is either*  
#1 referring to Paul's human spirit or #2 it could be referring to the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.

### *I Know the Answer*

**Paul was walking in the Spirit, Fulfilling the desires of the Spirit !!!**

**Philippians 2:13**

**for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.**

- \* **purposed** GRK 5087 tithemi (tith'-ay-mee);  
to posture yourself, to actively position himself.  
to have conceived (**God speaks to you the same way**)

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you  
**the desires of your heart.**

# *Imagine... Having all your Desires Approved of... by God*

Paul was Confident, Knowing (3) Essential things...

- #1 THAT GOD LOVED HIM AS HE WAS...
- #2 THAT GOD SAVED HIM FOR A PURPOSE...
- #3 THAT GOD DESIRED TO USE HIM !!!

The Holy Spirit was *Guiding him "Naturally" through his thoughts and ideas because he was immersed in the Word.*

**Proverbs 16:3**

**Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.**

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; :6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

**John 15:7**

**"If you abide (live with me and) in Me, and My words abide (live with and) in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**

## **"Purposed to go to Jerusalem,**

The Church in Jerusalem was starving at this point. Paul took up offerings along the way to bring help.

## **(PAUL WAS PROUD OF THE GENTILE CHURCH)**

The Gentile Fellowships came to the aid of the Jerusalem church financially...

**saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome."**

## **(Not A Sightseeing Thing)**

His desire to preach and teach the Gospel in Rome

## Romans 15:23-29 (Spain)

Paul's Heart was to Convert Rome,  
From Rome, Flowed the Influence of the World

### B.) The Economy of God is Not of this World vv. 23-34

*Now, There Are (3) Things  
That We Need To See in This Section*

*The Economy of God is Not of this World*

#1 God Values Souls, vs. Income Was Down vv. 23-27

**Watch Out...** *Paul Hit Their god right between the Pocketbook !  
The most sensitive part of the worlds anatomy - is their wallet !*

Local Idol Workers Union #666

**Revival; At the Turn of the Century** *America was experiencing a national revival. The revival woke up the church and people started flooding into the churches... in New York city alone, the police officers formed quartets and sang in Time Square because they had nothing else to do because crime had dropped!*

*The Economy of God is Not of this World*

#2 Paul Had a Better Message & Better God vv. 26

- \* **persuading** GRK 3982 **peitho (pi'-tho)**  
to convince with truth
- \* **Turned Away** GRK 3179 **methistemi (meth-is'-tay-mee)**  
to transfer an item from one place to another  
to translate into another.

Matthew 5:16

**"Let your light so shine before men (the world), that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Understand this;

*The world is not going to say "Praise the Lord - The Christians are Building a church in Chino Hills)... Nope. But Rather "Those God-loving, Faithful to their spouses, Loving their children, Good for something, law abiding citizens are building a church in our community.*

## Are You Ready For This... Those Kinds of Comments Bring Him Glory

1 Peter 2:12

having your conduct honorable among the Unbelieving, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of His Coming

Psalm 76:10

"Surely the wrath of man shall praise The Lord!"

saying... "they are not gods which are made with hands."

Paul was turning *the world upside down for two main reasons*

- #1 HE HAD A BETTER MESSAGE (THE WAY)
- #2 HE HAD A BETTER GOD (JESUS)

**They Are Not god's Which Are Made With Hands !!!**  
Our God is Beyond Man's Ways and Means

**That Idol, Statue, Icon, house  
Howbeit Dollar or Pursuit... is not God!**

In The Exodus;

The People said "Make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' :41 "And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

Moses Comes Down *from the Mountain Top and Looks around,*  
*People sacrificing, dancing around the golden calf- and says "What's all this Bull"?*

- **My Pension, that will save me..... Nope**
- **My Family, they'll save me..... Nope**
- **My Country, it will save me..... Nope**

*The Economy of God is Not of this World*

#3 Their god Had Been Challenged vv. 27-34

Their Beef with Paul was two-fold

- #1 Their Pocket Book\$ were feeling the Pain
- #2 Paganism would parish under such a glorious message

*Whenever I Go Away, Thimbles, Spoons and Snow Balls & Hardware*  
*Diana Thimble, Diana Spoons and Diana Snow Balls*

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They had there "THE DIANA DEPOT"  
*a Souvenir chain that sold little replicas of Diana*

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The Effects Of Faithfully Teaching The Bible  
*less and less customers for paganism, redirection of resources*

Verse 28-29

**Full of Wrath & Cried Out**

Verse 30-31

Paul's Desire to Preach... Let Me Go In There !!!

Should Christians Go to Movies ???

Verse 31

- \* **Officials** **GRK Asiarchs,**  
**very high ranking, civil rulers**

## Verse 33

Alexander "A Denying Jew" he's a bad guy....

### 2 Timothy 4:14

Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm.  
May the Lord repay him according to his works.

- A.) *Paul's Responsibility to the Gospel*
- B.) *The Economy of God is Not of this World*

## C.) The Opposition's Subtle Approach vv. 35-41

And Finally, There Are (2) Things  
Here for Us

#1 By Lulling Them to Sleep vv. 35

## Verse 34

- Phase I (v.34) The Crowd, Loud and Fanatical
- Phase II (v.35) The Clerk, Calm and Subtle

## Verse 35

- The City Clerk... *He was so politically correct, you could smell him a mile away*

### The Middle-Man

The Compromiser, The Peace Maker, The Influential One  
For What Reasons - At What Cost ?

### Luke 6:26

Woe to you when all men speak well of you,

- \* **Quitted** 2687 **katastello** (kat-as-tel'-lo)  
to appease, to tranquilize, to put an animal down,

Satan will *inject you with apathy... who cares !!!*

Verse 36a

*Look Back @ Verse 32*

\* **Assembly** GRK 1577 *ekklesia* (ek-klay-see'-ah)  
**A Church, one's called out, a believing congregation**  
**People specifically called out from the their places**

- The Crowd That Yelled *for 2 hours here is called an ekklesia, one's called out, People specifically called out from the their places*
- Benjamin Franklin said  
"A mob is a monster with a lot of heads and no brains"

*This is an Unholy Assembly*

## A Crusade From Hell

*Designed to destroy Paul*

The Church of God delivers the message by Persuasion  
It is reasonably and sensibly

The World Delivers it's Message by Propaganda  
emotionally and illogically

Verse 36b

"Therefore, since these things cannot be denied,  
**you ought to be quiet and do nothing rashly.**



## Nothing Happened *Just the Way Satan Likes It*

### **Ephesians 6:10-18**

**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. :11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. :12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. :13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. :14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, :15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; :16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. :17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; :18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--**

### 2 Corinthians 6:1

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. :2 For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

### Luke 4:18-21

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." :20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. :21 And He began to say to them, "**Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.**"