

Sermon Worksheet, 10/25/09

So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (Acts 13:3-4)



Passage: Acts 5:1-16 (cf. 1 Sam 10-16)

Theme: Sent by the Holy Spirit, No.10

In this drill, we will learn an important condition necessary to have the work of the Holy Spirit.

Observations:

- 1) According to Peter, what did Ananias and Sapphira do besides having kept for themselves some of the money they received for the land (e.g. Letting Satan fill their heart.)? And how did this incidence (their death) affect the church?
- 2) Let us pay attention to the pair words, “**signs and wonders**,” in v. 12. Try to find where these pair words occur up to 5th chapter in the book of Acts. How many occurrences do you find? Read the context of each occurrence, and search for anything that is common in terms of the conditions in which such signs and wonders happened and God’s purpose(s) of giving them.
- 3) In 1 Sam 10, we see how Saul was anointed as king, but in 16:14ff, we see how he came to suffer from an evil spirit. Search what happened between the two sections as well as how he came to think of David after that.

Personal Applications:

- 1) Why do you think that we do not see much of “**signs and wonders**” and the work of the Holy Spirit as we see in the book of Acts in today’s churches? What do you learn from the above stories and what is really lacking in us today?
- 2) We often see that a Christian comes to have a wonderful spiritual experience once, but it does not last long, and sometimes, his/her spiritual condition becomes even worse. Try to explain why this happens in your words. And what should we do to avoid this and continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- 3) What is the “**fear**” of God for you? What do you learn from the story of Ananias and Sapphira or that of king Saul? Is there anything you need to be careful of? Please share with others.

Prayers, and etc.

- 1) How much of the fear of God do you have? If you think it is important for you, pray.
- 2) Please pray that your family, group and church will come to have more fear toward God.
- 3) Pray for the recent newcomers, and the individuals whom you want to bring to church till the end of October. Please list their names and include the list in your report.

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