

Minister to the LORD
Acts 13:1-12

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I. Antioch Church leaders. Acts 13:1-3

Outline of Biblical Usage says the word “**ministered**” means to _____ the state at one's own cost or to assume an office, which must be administered at one's own expense. **Colossians 3:17**

- The Dictionary defines a priest as “*One especially consecrated to the service of a divinity and through whom worship, prayer, sacrifice, or other service is offered to the _____ of worship*”.

Under the New Covenant, we are priests of the Lord because of our _____ and new birth into Jesus’ priestly family.

- As we **fast**, we deliberately deny the power our flesh has over us, as we are strengthened in our relationship with the Lord by _____ ourselves.

II. They preached the Word of God. Acts 13:4-5

A crucial point to remember is that it was the Holy Spirit who _____ out Paul and Barnabas.

- The Church can play a vital role while supporting missionaries, but our role is _____ to the role the Holy Spirit plays.

Paul had been beaten, shipwrecked, stoned and left for dead, imprisoned and more, yet he counted all things as loss so he might know Christ and make Him _____.

III. Blind to the truth. Acts 13:6-12.

When Barnabas, Saul, and Mark arrived in Paphos, they found a sorcerer, who was also a false _____, named Bar-Jesus, who was also with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus.

- “*If there are no adversaries, you may fear that there will be no _____.* A boy cannot get his kite up without wind, nor without a wind which drives against his kite.” (Spurgeon)

As amazing as the sorcerer’s blindness was, the good news of the Gospel was even more _____ to this political leader.

IV. Practical Application.

A priest has a two-fold ministry: A priest represents the Lord to the people as an example. A priest represents the people to the Lord by _____ for them, desiring them to know Jesus.

The Lord is concerned with our inner transformation, not our exterior good deeds! The Lord desires us to go through a _____ inward transformation, living in a relationship with Jesus.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week’s sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 13:1-3**. What were the Antioch church leaders doing when the Holy Spirit spoke to them? How do you think the Holy Spirit relayed this message to the Church? How does the Lord speak to His people today?
Hebrews 1:1-2, 1 Timothy 1:5, Hebrews 12:5-8, 2 Timothy 3:16, John 10:27, Romans 1:20, 1 Corinthians 3:16
2. What does the word “**ministered**” mean in **vs.2**? Discuss the differences between the Old Testament priesthood and the Royal priesthood of the believers.
Colossians 3:17, 1 Peter 2:5, 9-10, Exodus 26:31-33, Exodus 29:9, Hebrews 7:12, Hebrews 9:11, Revelation 1:6, Revelation 5:10
3. Read **Acts 13:4-5**. What does it mean to lay hands on someone and send them away? Why is it important to wait for the Holy Spirit to send us?
Acts 6:6, 1 Timothy 4:14, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 12:7
4. Read **Acts 13:6-12**. What is the issue with witchcraft in the Bible? Discuss the boldness of Paul as he spoke to the sorcerer. Why did the sorcerer get struck with blindness? What made the proconsul believe in Christ?
Deuteronomy 18:10-12, Galatians 5:19-21, Romans 10:9-10, 17
5. Discuss the Practical Application of the sermon.
Romans 12:1-2