

Hearing The Voice Of God

Scripture: Acts 13:1-2

Introduction

In this passage, we become witnesses to the sovereign work of God in calling men into his service. The Holy Spirit commands the church at Antioch to ordain Paul and Barnabas to the work they have been called into.

I. The message

Acts 13:2a NIV While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

- A. God had a message for those who sought Him
- B. First came the revelation
- C. Next came the confirmation

II. The response

Acts 13:2b-5a NIV 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 ...When they arrived they proclaimed the word of God.

- A. They continued in fasting and prayer
- B. The elders responded in obedience
 - 1. In commissioning the apostles for service
 - 2. In sending the apostles into ministry
- C. The apostles responded in obedience
 - 1. By obeying the Holy Spirit and departing for Cyprus
 - 2. By preaching the Word of God

III. The results

Acts 13:12 NIV When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.

- A. They were in front line conflict with the enemy

- B. God confirmed their message with the miraculous
- C. The Gospel triumphed over satanic opposition
- D. God added to His church