

PAUL ON THE ISLAND OF MALTA
Acts 28:1-10

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul has been in an awful storm for many days
 - 1) "And being exceedingly tossed with a tempest"
 - 2) "but when the fourteenth night was come"
- B. The ship ran aground and broke apart
 - 1) "they ran the ship aground"
 - 2) "the hinder part was broken"
- C. The people escaped to Malta 27:44
 - 1) "And so it came to pass"
 - 2) "that they all escaped all safe to land"
 - 3) 28:1...."the island was called Melita"

I. The Kindness of the People vs. 2

- A. "And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness"
 - 1) "barbarous" = "a person who speaks a strange tongue"
Not Greek, strange to Greek manner and customs.
 - 2) "kindness" = philanthropia = "love of man"
- B. Their act of "man love"
 - 1) It was raining at the time
 - 2) It was cold, late October
 - 3) They kindled a fire and received all of them

II. The Misinterpretation of Events vs. 3 - 6

- A. Paul, the compulsive worker vs. 3
 - 1) "When Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks"
 - 2) "and laid them on the fire"
- B. Paul always goes beyond the required
 - 1) He made tents to avoid censure
 - 2) He never wants the Lord's work unduly criticized because of undone tasks.
- C. The Maltese judged Paul a murderer
 - 1) He was bitten by a viper
 - 2) It hung on his hand
 - 3) They saw this and made a judgment
 - 4) This man is a murderer
- D. The basis of their judgment
 - 1) "whom though he escaped from the sea"
 - 2) "yet vengeance suffereth not to live"
 - 3) Each sin receives immediate punishment, a false assumption.

- E. Paul shows no ill from the bite vs. 5
- 1) "he shook the beast off into the fire"
 - 2) "and felt no harm" = hubris = "wanton violence arising from the pride of strength, passion, or lust"

- F. They judged Paul a god vs. 6
- 1) The basis of this judgment
 - 2) "when he should have swollen"
 - 3) "fallen down dead suddenly"
 - 4) "but after they had looked a great while"
 - 5) "and saw no "harm" come to him" = kakos = "bad"
 - 6) "they "changed" their minds" = metaballo = "to throw around", "to turn quickly or suddenly"
 - 7) "and said that he was a god"

III. Paul Returns Their Kindness vs. 7 - 10

- A. Paul heals Publius' father vs. 7
- 1) Publius had an estate in the area of the place where Paul came ashore.
 - 2) He received them and treated them courteously = philo-
thronos = "friendly minded manner"

- B. Paul laid hands on him vs. 8
- 1) This man had dysentery
 - 2) Paul practiced New Testament healing

- C. Paul healed many others vs. 9
- 1) "others also, which had diseases"
 - 2) "came, and were healed"

IV. Honor To Whom Honor Due vs. 10

- A. "Who also honoured us with many honours"
- 1) "honours" = time = "a holding worth, an estimate of the value of a thing", "esteem", "respect"
 - 2) They wanted them for friends. They did not believe.
- B. "they laded us with such things as necessary"
- 1) "laded" = epitithemi = "to place upon"
 - 2) "necessary" = ta = the + pros = towards + ten = the +
chreian = need = "the things suited to our needs"

