

FOR I BELIEVE GOD

ACTS 27:1-25

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Exposition of the Scriptures (Note verse 23)
 - 1. Paul's journey to Rome
 - 2. Ship of Adramyttium a city of Asia Minor on the coast of Mysia, The ship in which Paul embarked at Caesarea belonged to this city (v. 2). From Myra, in Lycia, he sailed in an Alexandrian (a city in lower Egypt) ship to Italy. (v. 6)
 - 3. "The fast was now already past" (v.9 By "the fast," the fast of the Jews on the day of atonement. The time corresponded to part of September and October, the time of the autumnal equinox, when navigation of the Mediterranean was particularly dangerous, from storms which usually occurred about that time. It was regarded as a dangerous time to navigate the Mediterranean.
 - 4. Paul warned them of impending danger, but they would not listen (vs 10-13) He waited a long time then told them they should have listened to him, but there would be no loss of life. (vs 21-24)
 - 5. God said it, Paul believed it (v. 25) **(TITLE)**
- B. Faith is the foundation on which all else rests
 - 1. Must believe God is and please Him Heb 11:6; Believe Jesus is Christ Jhn 8:24
 - 2. Essential in prayer Jas 1:5-6
 - 3. We are justified by faith Rom 5:1; Hab 2:4
 - 4. Secures our salvation Jhn 3:16
- C. Question: Why did Paul believe God? Why do I believe God?

DISCUSSION:

I. BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS

- A. Finish Paul's statement in V. 25b.
 - 1. Look at the situation at this time (in an extremely dangerous storm where it appeared that all would be lost).
 - 2. Paul knew that God could do as it was told to him.
- B. God is all powerful Jhn 3:2
 - 1. He is the creator Gen 1:1
 - 2. We are His workmanship Eph 2:10
 - 3. He can do what He says
 - a. Unfailing 1Ki 8:56
 - b. His divine ability Rom 4:21
 - c. His deliverance Psa 34:19

- C. God is good Matt 19:17 - rich young ruler
- D. God is no respecter of persons Acts 10:34; Rom 2:11 "No Partiality with God"
- E. God is faithful 1Cor 1:9

II. BECAUSE OF HIS SAVING POWER

- A. Paul's life Acts 9:21-29; (22, 26 his defense)
 - 1. Paul the sinner 1Tim 1:15
 - 2. He says he was chief
- B. Only God can save Acts 4:12; 1Tim 2:3
- C. Jesus was raised from the dead by God's power Acts 2:22-25
- D. What have we to fear? Matt 10:28; Rom 8:35ff
- E. God has the power to save all from sin if we obey Him. 1Pet 1:22,23 purified = salvation from sin
 - 1. Right to the tree of life Rev 22:14
 - 2. Forgiven Eph 1:7; 1John 1:9
 - 3. Blessed Jas 1:25

III. BECAUSE GOD IS THE ANSWER TO EVERY NEED MAN HAS

- A. If we do not turn to God, then where can man turn? NOWHERE
- B. Only God has the answers to man's questions.
 - 1. Who am I?
 - 2. What am I doing here?
 - 3. Where am I going?
- C. God is the great provider - all needs
 - 1. In the physical realm – food, clothing and shelter Matt 6:25ff
 - 2. Spiritually - Confidence in this life- casting our every burden on Him -salvation from Sin. 1Pet 5:7
 - 3. Mentally and emotionally - Look at David and the Psalms he wrote Psa 51; 55; 61; 77; 88; 118:6; and many others

Conclusion:

- A. When we look at the total picture it is not hard for us to see why Paul believed God.
- B. When I read from the mind of God (the Bible) and look at the evidence, it is not difficult to see why I believe God just as Paul said.

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