

Lesson 12: The Opened Door of Faith

First missionary journey (Acts 13-14)

- from Peter to Paul
- from Jewish to Gentile

Acts 13 highlights

- sent by the Holy Spirit
- opposition by Bar-Jesus or Elymas
- excellent sermon at Antioch

The Journey Continues – Acts 14

- The ministry in Iconium (14:1-7)
- The ministry in Lystra (14:8-20)
- The ministry in Derbe (14:21a)
- Re-visiting the disciples (14:21b-23)
- The return to Antioch (14:24-28)

Lessons from Acts 13 (review)

A spiritual warfare

- Origin: Son of devil
- Character: Enemy of all righteousness
- Method: Full of deceit and villainy
- Objective: Make crooked the straight paths of the Lord

A religious warfare

- Jewish opposition
- ZELOS (GR) – zeal, jealousy, envy
- Temporal not spiritual

Compare two beginnings: Joshua and Paul

- Divine mandate
- Promise of prosperity (Joshua 1:8)
- Promise of tribulation (Acts 9:15-16)

Acts 14

The ministry in Iconium (14:1-7)

Great awakening of the Spirit

Great awakening of the enemy

The ministry in Lystra (14:8-20)

Great miracle

Great deceit

Great truth

Great villainy

Great miracle

The ministry in Derbe (14:21a)

Great response

Re-visiting the disciples (14:21b-23)

Great strength

Great tribulation

Great provision

Great hope

The return to Antioch (14:24-28)

Great grace