

INTRODUCTION

- * This the 41st message in this series on the book of Acts. It is, as well, the penultimate of the series.
- * Over the past couple of weeks, we have seen the sovereignty of God guiding Paul to the city of Rome in order that he might have an audience with Caesar.
- * This has been accomplished, first of all, through Paul being imprisoned by Rome on account of false charges brought against him by the Jews, and the unwillingness of several Roman officials to perform the justice on his behalf that they clearly saw.
- * Within the judicial process at Caesarea, YHWH afforded Paul several opportunities to share Jesus with "important" Roman officials, and King Agrippa.
- * Last week we saw how God revealed His sovereignty as well on the journey to Rome by re-directing the ship twice in order to bring them to an unplanned stop on the journey - the island of Malta!
- * Today, we will examine some of the details of this stop at Malta - specifically, how YHWH delivered Paul twice during this episode and the impacts of these deliverances.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE INCIDENTS OF HIS DELIVERANCE

A. The Shipwreck ... the importance of details!

1. THE DETAIL OF THEIR WRECK (27:27-29,39-41)
 - a. The Adriatic Sea
 - b. The Soundings
 - c. Dropping the anchors
 - d. An unrecognizable land
 - e. Where two seas met!
2. THE DETAIL OF THEIR RESCUE (27:42 - 28:2)
 - a. The P _____ of Getting to Shore
 - b. The P _____ of the Barbarians

B. The Serpent

1. THE C _____ OF PAUL (28:3-4)
2. THE E _____ OF PAUL (28:5-6)

II. THE IMPACTS OF HIS DELIVERANCE

A. The F _____ of God (Acts 23:11; 27:22-25, 31; 27:44)

B. The F _____ of Ministry (Acts 28:7-10)

1. THE HEALINGS
 - a. Publius' Father
 - b. Many Islanders
2. THE BLESSING

INTROSPECTION

- * How do you respond when life becomes "more adventurous" than you planned?
- * Do you look for opportunities for ministry during each "situation" that arises?
- * Do you believe that God is sovereignly orchestrating the affairs of your life to present you these opportunities?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How is the Sovereignty of God evidenced in the world events of today? How is it evidenced in the affairs of your life?