

“The Arrogance of Contradicting God”

Acts 13:40-52, ESV

Introduction: It is truly scary that people think they can stand in opposition to the truth of God and get away with it. Sadly, we have become immunized against the truth of God’s Word. People contradict the truth of God’s Word frequently, and in doing so, put themselves and others in spiritual jeopardy.

Key Points of Consideration:

- 1). We are informed that the people **begged** that these things might be told to them on the next Sabbath (v. 42-43).
- 2). Look at verse 45: Not everyone was **thrilled**!
- 3). God never intended salvation to be an **exclusive** possession of the Jews (Is. 42:1, 6; 49:6).
- 4). It is difficult to miss the doctrine of **election** here in this verse (v. 48). This is one of Scripture’s clearest declarations of God’s sovereignty in salvation.
- 5). Sadly, and arrogantly, there were those who did everything possible to **oppose** and **contradict** the spread of God’s Word (v. 50-52).
- 6). There will always be people who come against God’s servants and God’s message, **stirring** up trouble, resistance, and contradiction.
- 7). Undeterred, Paul and Barnabas move on to the next town leaving behind many disciples filled with **JOY** and with the **HOLY SPIRIT**! Praise God!

Final Thought: We should thank God that He has not yet shaken the dust off His feet. He continues to be patient.