

TITLE: PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD WITH CONFIDENCE
[IPAHAYAG ANG SALITA NG DIYOS NANG MAY KUMPIYANSA]

TEXT: Acts 13:14-44

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BIG IDEA: Proclaim God's Word with confidence because of its greatness and the salvation it brings to the penitent. [Ipahayag ang Salita ng Diyos ng may kumpiyansa dahil sa kadakilaan nito at sa kaligtasan na dulot nito sa mga magsisisi.]

INTRODUCTION:

- Do you know one of the greatest needs we have in our present time? It is the need to restore full confidence in God's Word to accomplish God's work.
Isa sa mga pangangailangan ng tao sa panahon natin ngayon ay ang manumbalik ang kumpiyansa sa kakayanan ng Salita ng Diyos na gawin ang sinasabi ng Diyos.
- During their first missionary journey in AD 44, Paul and Barnabas came to the city of Antioch in Asia Minor. Paul preached his 1st sermon recorded in Acts chapter 13.
- Paul took the opportunity to preach the Word. Now, there are two things I want to share about God's Word for us in today's message: **(1)** the Greatness of God's Word highlighted in Paul's preaching and **(2)** the Effect of God's Word on those who heard him.
Sa unang mision ni Pablo, sila ni Barnabas ay nakarating sa Antioch at si Pablo ay nangaral ng Salita. Sa ginawa na ito ni Pablo, dalawang bagay ang nais kong ibahagi: 1) Ang kadakilaan ng Salita ng Diyos na inihayag ng pangangaral na ito at 2) Ang naging epekto ng Salita ng Diyos sa mga nakarinig nito.

I. The Greatness of God's Word [**Ang Kadakilaan ng Salita ng Diyos**]

- Paul highlighted the greatness of God's Word in **three areas**: First, the greatness of God's Word is its:

A. Historical Foundation [vv.17-18] **Ang kasaysayan bilang pundasyon**

- The greatness of God's word rests on God's participation in history. *Ang kadakilaan ng Salita ay makikita sa mga ginawa ng Diyos sa kasaysayan.*
- God revealed Himself through active participation in history. *Nagpahayag ang Diyos ng tungkol sa kanyang sarili sa pamamagitan ng pakikilahok sa kasaysayan.*
- In the Word which God gave us, we see how He has worked in the lives of real people who lived in real places, in real time! *Sa Salita Nya, nakita natin kung paano Sya kumilos sa buhay ng mga totoong tao.*
- We are to ensure that our faith in God is based on objective and verifiable facts, not subjective stories, myths, or legends. *Ang ating pananampalataya ay dapat nakabatay sa mga totoong pangyayari at hindi kathang isip lamang.*
- The only way to do this is to make God's written Word the only grounds for all your beliefs. *Ito ay mangyayari lamang kung gagawin nating batayan ng paniniwala natin ang nakasulat na Salita ng Diyos.*

B. Prophetic Fulfillment [vv.23-37] **Natupad na propesiya**

- It records how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ even to the smallest detail. This is the point that Paul made as he continued his preaching in vv.23-37. **Naisulat kung paano naganap ang mga pangako ng Diyos kay Kristo, hanggang sa pinakamaliit na detalye nito.**
- Christ's birth, suffering, death, burial, and resurrection were all proclaimed in prophecies and were written down in the Scriptures. **Ang kapanganakan ni Hesus, ang kanyang pagkamatay, paglilibing, at muling pagkabuhay ay naipahayag sa mga propesiya at naisulat din sa Banal na Kasulatan.**
- The written Scriptures were all known by the Jews at the time of Jesus but they still did not accept Him, they hated Him, rejected Him, condemned Him and even crucified Him for their own selfish ends. By doing this, they unwittingly fulfilled these very prophecies! This tragic situation is highlighted in vv.27-29. **Ang Banal na Kasulatan ay alam ng lahat ng Hudyo sa panahon ni Hesus ngunit di pa Siya tinanggap. Kinamuhian Sya, itinakwil, hinatulan, at ipinapako sa krus dahil sa kanilang makasariling layunin. Dahil dito, naganap ang mga sinasabi sa propesiya.**
- The same thing can also happen to us if we are not careful. We come to church regularly, we read a portion of Scripture, and we hear the Word preached to us Sunday after Sunday. But how seriously do we take it? Do we really know the Lord Jesus and honor Him in our thoughts, words, and deeds? Or do we live in a way that makes others condemn Him? **Ito ay maaaring mangyari sa atin kung hindi tayo mag-iingat. Tayo at nagsisimba palagi, nagbabasa ng Banal na Kasulatan, nakikinig ng mga sermon tuwing linggo, subalit ang mga ito ba ay ating tunay na pinahahalagahan? Tayo ba ay namumuhay na nagbibigay kapurihan sa Diyos? O namumuhay tayo na kabaligtaran nito?**
- The Word of Christ must dwell in us richly until our lives reflect His glory! **Ang Salita ng Diyos at dapat nananahan sa atin hanggang maihayag sa pamamagitan ng ating buhay ang kaluwalhatian ng Diyos!**

C. Gracious Salvation [vv.38-39] **Mabiyayang Kaligtasan**

- The Word reveals God's plan to save all men through Christ. Let's take a look again at vv.38,39 where the main thrust of Paul's sermon is found. **Ang Salita ng Diyos ay nagpapahayag ng plano ng Diyos na iligtas ang sangkatauhan sa pamamagitan ni Kristo.**
- In this text, the problem needed to be solved was identified: It is the sins we commit. The Law of Moses could not save anyone from sin. **Sa kabanatang ito, ipinakita ang suliranin na kailangang lutasin - ang kasalanan natin. Hindi kaya ng batas ni Moises na iligtas tayo sa kasalanan.**
- But how can a God who is perfectly just and holy forgive us? There is only one possible way – through the death of Jesus for us. **Paano ba tayo mapapatawad ng isang Diyos na banal at matuwid? Sa pamamagitan ng kamatayan ni Hesus para sa atin.**
- This is the Good News that Paul had been leading all his hearers to. Here in v.38, he tells them what the good news is – It is the forgiveness of sins which comes through believing in Jesus alone! **Ito ang magandang balita na nais ni Pablo na malaman natin - ang kapatawaran ng ating kasalanan sa pamamagitan ng pananampalataya kay Hesus lamang!**

II. The Effect of God's Word [vv.40-41] **Ang Epekto ng Salita ng Diyos**

- The effect or impact of God's Word on your life depends on how you respond to it. This is what we will consider now. Please look at what Paul said in vv.40-41 – **Ang epekto ng Salita ng Diyos sa buhay natin ay naka depende sa ating tugon dito.**

A. Judgment To The Proud [vv.40-41, 45-46] **Paghuhusga sa mga palalo**

- Here a **strong warning** was given to everyone in the synagogue about the judgment they will face if they despise the Word they had just heard. **May babala sa mga naroon sa templo patungkol sa paghuhusga na kanilang haharapin kung hindi kamumuhian nila ang Salita na kanilang narinig.**
- What judgment did they bring on themselves? Everlasting death! HELL! **Ano ang kaparusahan? Walang hanggang kamatayan - Impyerno.**
- According to v.45, the Jews at Antioch rejected the message because of **envy**. **Ayon sa v.45, inayawan nila ang mensahe dahil sa inggit.**
Pride is also the main reason why many people today reject the Gospel. Kapalaluan din ang dahilan kung kayat maraming tao ang tumatangi sa Mabuting Balita sa panahon ngayon.
- If only they can see what **impact** this will have on them in eternity, they will realize how foolish it is to reject the Word and how wise it is to love it. **Kung makikita lang nila ang pang habang buhay na epekto nito sa kanila, malalaman nila na kamangmangan ang pagtangi sa Salita at karunungan ang pagtanggap dito.**

B. Salvation To The Penitent [vv.42-44, 52] **Kaligtasan sa mga magsisisi**

- This shows how love for the Word makes people desire more and more of it. **Kapag mahal mo ang Salita, lalo mo itong nanaisin.**
- We are told in v.52 that *“the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Spirit.”* What a great impact the Word had made on them! **Ang mga alagad at napuno ng kagalakan at napuspos ng Banal na Espiritu. Napakagandang epekto sa kanila!**
- **What is most striking about this impact is that it came from a clear exposition of God’s Word alone.** There were no miracles performed, no impressive costly campaigns, and no manipulation of emotions at all. The result came purely from the power which God has invested in His Word. **Ang epekto na ito ay dahil sa malinaw na paliwanag ng Salita. Walang himala na ginawa, walang pangangampanya, walang pag-antig ng damdamin. Ang resulta ay dulot ng kapangyarihan ng Salita ng Diyos.**
- If we want to see a similar effect happening today, we must have full confidence in God’s Word to accomplish God’s work. **Kung nais natin na maranasan ang ganito ding resulta, kailangan nating magkaroon ng kumpiansa o pagtitiwala sa kapangyarihan ng Salita.**

CHALLENGE: May the Word make a similar effect on our life, and may we all be challenged to keep giving it to others, so that the full impact of the Word may also be seen in their lives!

HAMON: Nawa ay magkaroon ng gayon ding epekto ang Salita ng Diyos sa ating buhay, at lahat tayo ay mahamon tumugon sa hamon na ibahagi ito sa iba upang maranasan din nila ang epekto nito sa buhay nila!

DISCUSSION: PAGUSAPAN

- What have you learned from Paul’s 1st sermon? Share. **Ano ang natutunan mo sa sermon ni Pablo? Ibahagi.**
- As you boldly proclaim the Gospel, do not worry about the results for God will hold those who heard it accountable not you. **Habang ipinapahayag mo ng may katapangan ang Ebanghelyo, huwag kang mag-alala sa magiging resulta nito dahil ang Diyos ang siyang magpapanagot sa mga makakarinig nito.**
- Mention at least two [2] people you’re considering to share the Gospel to? **Magsabi ng pangalan ng 2 tao na nais mong bahaginan ng Ebanghelyo.**

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