

ACTS: To the Ends of the Earth

Study 28: Our Promise Keeping God

READ Acts 13:13-41 and **LISTEN** to the [sermon](#) by Pastor Craig.

God is a promise making, promise keeping God, therefore we can trust Him with our souls. It was this truth about God that Paul declared to the Jews in Antioch, Pisidia, that allowed Him to declare the fulfilled promise of God's salvation in Christ. In this first recorded sermon Paul reminds them that God promised His people Israel a Saviour from David's line. The Lord Jesus was the fulfillment of this promise as seen in His death and resurrection, witnessed by many. Paul closes his message with a call to apply this good news by believing on Jesus for the forgiveness of sins.

Big idea: God is the director of all human history and the actor in all human history to accomplish His promise of salvation through Christ, which is available to all people.

Questions:

1. Have you broken a promise or been the victim of a broken promise? Broken promises can hurt and scar our lives. What do the following verses teach us about God's ability to keep His promises?
Num 23:19

Jer 1:12

Titus 1:2

Heb 6:18
2. From vv. 13-23 identify all the acts of God in the history of Israel.

3. How does vv. 27-30 affirm that God is sovereign even over evil? Why is it important to affirm this truth, particularly as it relates to God's ability to keep His promises?
4. According to vv. 26-37 what is the "message of salvation" (v. 26), or what is the Gospel?
5. What evidence does Paul provide to confirm the resurrection (v. 31)? Why do you think this is important, particularly when witnessing? See also 1 Cor 15:3-8.
6. Vv. 38-39 explain what Jesus' death achieved and what a person must do to have Christ's achievement applied to their life. Re-write the verses out in your own words in such a way that a non-believer would understand them.
7. What lessons can we learn about witnessing from Paul's presentation of the gospel here?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: God that nothing will get in the way of Him keeping His promises

Thank: God for providing you a substitute in Jesus who bore your sin and not His own

Pray: that you may have a God-ward perspective over every area of your life