

“The First Sermon in Acts”
Acts 1:12-26

I. God assembled His people together for His purpose (vs. 12-14).

(Hebrews 10:23-25)

II. God moved within His people for a message to be delivered (vs. 15-26).

- A. The message was based on God’s word.
- B. The message was taught.
- C. The message was preached.
- D. The message accomplished the purpose for which God sent it out.

(Psalm 69:24-25; 109:7-9; Proverbs 16:33; Isaiah 55:8-11; Jeremiah 23:11-14, 16-18, 21-22, 25-29; Matthew 4:23; 13:10-17; Acts 18:11; Colossians 1:23; 2:6-7; 2 Timothy 4:1-2)

Scripture References and Notes

Hebrews 10:23-25

²³ Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Psalm 69:24-25

²⁴ Pour out Your indignation upon them, And let Your wrathful anger take hold of them. ²⁵ Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents.

Psalm 109:7-9

⁷ When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin. ⁸ Let his days be few, *And* let another take his office. ⁹ Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

Jeremiah 23:11-14; 16-18; 21-22; 25-29

¹¹ "For both prophet and priest are profane; Yes, in My house I have found their wickedness," says the LORD. ¹² "Therefore their way shall be to them Like slippery *ways*; In the darkness they shall be driven on And fall in them; For I will bring disaster on them, The year of their punishment," says the LORD. ¹³ "And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria: They prophesied by Baal And caused My people Israel to err. ¹⁴ Also I have

seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: They commit adultery and walk in lies; They also strengthen the hands of evildoers, So that no one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, And her inhabitants like Gomorrah. ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace" '; And to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you.' " ¹⁸ For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard *it*?

²¹ "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.

²⁵ "I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. ²⁸ "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?" says the LORD. ²⁹ "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces?

teach [διδάσκω (didaskó)]

- I teach, direct, admonish.
- to teach (literally, "cause to *learn*"); instruct, impart knowledge (disseminate information).

Acts 18:11

And he continued *there* a year and six months, **teaching** the word of God among them.

Colossians 2:6-7

⁶ Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk in Him, ⁷ having been firmly rooted *and now* being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were **instructed**, *and* overflowing with gratitude.

preach [κηρύσσω (kérussó)]

- I proclaim, herald, preach.
- properly, to *herald* (proclaim); to *preach* (announce) a message publicly and with conviction (persuasion).

2 Timothy 4:1-2

¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² **Preach** the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Colossians 1:23 (NASB)

...if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was **proclaimed** in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

Matthew 4:23

And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching** the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.

Proverbs 16:33

The lot is cast into the lap, But its every decision *is* from the LORD.

Isaiah 55:8-11

⁸“For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,” says the LORD. ⁹“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰“For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it.

Matthew 13:10-17

¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" ¹¹ He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. ¹² For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. ¹³ Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴ And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: '*Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive;* ¹⁵ *For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.*' ¹⁶ "But blessed *are* your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; ¹⁷ for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear *it*.

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