

# The Blinding of Elymas



ACTS  
13:4-13

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- Paul and Barnabas left their home church of Antioch for the purpose of doing missionary work for the Lord. vs. 1-3
- At Paphos they were confronted by a Jewish man named Bar-jesus, also known as Elymas. This man was a sorcerer. vs. 6
- This sorcerer was with a Gentile man named Sergius Paulus. He was the head governing official on the island of Cyprus. Things got very interesting when this sorcerer met Paul face to face.
- This is the \_\_\_\_\_ recorded experience of Paul as a missionary, and in this story we have a pattern that God gives us for the rest of the book of Acts.
- In this message we will examine four facts from this passage, and then we will see the picture that each one teaches us.

## **First, Elymas (a Jew) failed to bring God's \_\_\_\_\_ to Sergius Paulus (a Gentile).**

- *"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light."* **Ephesians 5:8**
- *"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world"*  
**Philippians 2:15**

**Second, Elymas (a Jew) \_\_\_\_\_ the truth of God, while Sergius Paulus (a Gentile) sought the truth of God.**

- It is a serious thing to reject and turn your ear away from God's truth.
- *"And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city." Mark 6:11*

**Third, Elymas (a Jew) sought to turn \_\_\_\_\_ Sergius (a Gentile) from the truth of God.**

- Whenever God is doing a work, the devil will always be right there to vehemently \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**Fourth, Elymas (a Jew) was temporarily \_\_\_\_\_, while Sergius (a Gentile) was saved.**

- *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Corinthians 4:4*

*"For there is \_\_\_\_\_ difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that \_\_\_\_\_ upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:12-13*