

Pressed in the Spirit - Acts 18B

Acts 18:1-6 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; 2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. 3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. 5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ. 6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

Corinth was steeped in immorality & idol worship. There were many Jews there also. Paul usually went to the Jews first to preach Jesus.

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This was like what happened to Joseph & Mary having to go to Bethlehem at Jesus' birth.

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Paul supported himself to not burden the Christians.

Matthew 10:10 Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

Acts 18:4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

Like in Luke 4 when Our Lord Jesus read Isaiah 61.

Jesus was the prophet Moses prophesied about.

Psalms 22; & Isaiah 53 etc prophesied of Jesus.

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Summarized of Jesus appearing to Saul on the road to Damascus.

Referred to Isaiah seeing heaven open in Chapter 6.

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clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

Jews blasphemed Jesus on the cross & Stephen.

1 Kings 18:37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again.

Luke 16 referred to the parable of the rich man & Lazarus.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Acts 18:18 And Paul *after this* tarried *there* yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn *his* head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

Acts 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him (Apollos) unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Romans 16:3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

1 Corinthians 16:19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.

2 Timothy 4:19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

Strong's #4912 sunecho *soon-ekh'-o* AV-be taken with 3, throng 1, straiten 1, keep in 1, hold 1, stop 1, press 1, lie sick of 1, constrain 1, in a strait 1;

1) to hold together

1a) any whole, lest it fall to pieces or something fall away from it

2) to hold together with constraint, to compress

2a) to press together with the hand

2a) to hold one's ears, to shut the heavens that it may not rain

2b) to press on every side 2b1) of a besieged city

2b2) of a strait, that forces a ship into a narrow channel

2b3) of a cattle squeeze, that pushing in on each side, forcing the beast into a position where it cannot move so the farmer can administer medication

3) to hold completely 3a) to hold fast 3a1) of a prisoner

3b) metaph. 3b1) to be held by, closely occupied with any business

3b2) in teaching the word

3b3) to constrain, oppress, of ills laying hold of one and distressing him

3b4) to be held with, afflicted with, suffering from

3b5) to urge, impel 3b51) of the soul

Mark 14:31 But he (Peter) spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

Mark 14:50 And they (Disciples) all forsook him, and fled.

Mark 13:6 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and shall

deceive many.

Matthew 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with <4912> divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Luke 4:38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with <4912> a great fever; and they besought him for her.

Luke 8:37 Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken <4912> with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again.

Matthew 8:29 And, behold, they (the demons) cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

Luke 8:45 And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng <4912> thee and press *thee*, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

Luke 12:50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened <4912> till it be accomplished!

Luke 19:43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep <4912> thee in <4912> on every side, (Roman army under Titus in 70 A.D.)

Luke 22:63 And the men that held <4912> Jesus mocked him, & smote *him*.

Acts 7:56,57 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped <4912> their ears, and ran upon him (Stephen) with one accord,

Acts 18:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed <4912> in the spirit, and testified to the Jews *that* Jesus *was* Christ.

Acts 28:8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of <4912> a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth <4912> us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:

Philippians 1:23,24 For I am in a strait <4912> betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: 24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh *is* more needful for you.

Luke 9:51-56 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, 52 And

sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. 56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

Luke 9:51,53,54 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, (like His Father had set up.) 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

2 Kings 1 Elijah called fire down from heaven twice.

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John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Mark 8:27-33 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am? 28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets. 29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ. 30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. 31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. 33 But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.

Like in Luke 4, The Lord rebuked satan.

Referred to the parable of the talents.

John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Mark 16:17,18 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Matthew 4:23,24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. 24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Revelation 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept My Word, and hast not denied my name.

Mark 19:50 And they (Disciples) all forsook him, and fled.

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