

Acts 12:19-25
The Word of God Is Not Bound

Introduction:

There are those who would seek to rob God of His glory. For them God's righteous judgment may come sooner than they think, not to mention the eternal judgment of hell. Herod robbed God of His glory and sought to put out the burning flame of the gospel. But such a task by mortal man is impossible. The Word will prevail with His messengers as it did with Barnabas and Paul on their missionary journeys. (Acts 12:24)

I. THE DEATH OF HEROD

A. Five Herod's in the New Testament:

1. Herod the Great – 34 - 4B.C.
2. Herod Archelaus – 4B.C.- A.D.6
3. Herod Antipas A.D. 6 – 39
4. Herod Agrippa I A. D. 39 – 44
5. Herod Agrippa II A.D. 50 – 100

B. Herod Agrippa I – Acts 12:18-23

1. Wicked King
2. God visited him with severe judgment – v.23 cf. Mark 9:43-48; Isa. 66:24

C. Man's Glory:

1. Nebuchadnezzar – Dan. 4:10
2. A lesson for all of us not to think more highly of ourselves... Turn To: Romans 12:1-5

II. THE LIFE OF God's WORD

A. The importance of glorifying God – Psa. 86:12; I Cor. 10:31

B. Growth and Multiplication – v.24

1. Both Gk. Verbs written in the imperfect tense – meaning action in progress in past times.
2. Christianity is a message of progress – Matt. 25:14-30

C. God's Word is:

1. **Effective – II Tim. 3:16,17**
 - a. Not like natural ways of communication – (news, entertainment, Neil Postman's book)
 - b. The Word of God teaches us what we need to learn about ourselves and the way of salvation.
2. **Penetrating – Heb. 4:12**
3. **Life Giving – Isaiah 55:10-11**
 - a. Abundant life – John 10:10,11
 - b. Fruitful life -
4. **Eternal – Matt. 24:35**
 - a. All things are temporal – I Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 21:1-5
Storing up treasure in heaven – Luke 12:33, 34
 - b. Light affliction now not compared to the eternal weight of glory – II Cor. 4:17, 18
 - c. Christless Christianity – (Michael Horton's book, "Christless Christianity" (The alternative gospel of the American Church)

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