

The Danger of Misdirected Worship

Acts 14:8-18

The Danger of Confusion

What I really _____ / _____ or Conduit

Luke's description of Paul's & Barnabas's ministry

Acts 14:3

Paul & Barnabas

Spoke boldly the message of _____ grace

God

Confirmed the message with miracles through _____

Overlap of Speaker (Paul) and Audience (Lycaonians)

High risk of _____!

Acts 14:8-18

8-10: God healed a lame man through _____

Luke emphasized

the _____ of the trouble

man's _____ to be healed

God as the _____ of the miracle

Paul's part: recognized _____ faith and _____ the work of God

11-13: People thought Barnabas & Paul had the power

& tried to _____ them

_____ & _____ gap contributed to a critical confusion

Their focus: _____ source of God's power: apostles

They fit God into their own worldview,

leading to profound _____

In Christianity, life and goodness is _____ God

and _____ God's glory alone

14-17: Barnabas & Paul strongly _____; pointed to God

Urgent, intense effort to _____ them!

"We too are only _____ like you"

"We are bringing you good news" about _____

Groups of people

Always: _____ revelation of God's orderliness, power, and goodness in nature (see Romans 1)

Eventually: _____ revelation of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ

Greater _____ with greater _____

18: The tendency to praise people rather than God

was very hard to _____

Sacrificing to Paul & Barnabas may not mean that they _____ them

Pattern: give idols what they _____ in order to get what they can _____

Radically different from _____ of God & Jesus

Eventually there were many _____ in Lystra

Parallels between Peter's and Paul's first miracles

Acts 3 and 14

The Big Idea:

God's work through people can lead to the great danger of worshipping (and "_____") people rather than worshipping (and "_____") God

fear = hold in high regard; "_____ " at their words and opinions

When we are thirsty what matters...

is not the quality of the _____,

but the quality of what it _____

John 4:13-14

How the Gospel helps us see the world more clearly...

God's _____	Human _____	God's _____ in Christ	Human _____ / Spirit's work
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Be extremely cautious about...

...thinking too much (good or bad) about God's _____

Treating individuals in the way we should only treat _____ Romans 1:25

Seeing organizations as the _____ for the church or society

Seeing individuals or organizations as if they were the real _____, rather than sin and _____. Ephesians 6:12; 1 Corinthians 3:5-7

...thinking too much (good or bad) about _____

1 Corinthians 15:9-10

...people thinking too highly of _____ Acts 14:15

...thinking too much about people's _____ of _____ 1 Corinthians 4:3-4
2 Corinthians 4:7

Reflection

- Whom has God used in your life in significant ways to help you know and grow in the Gospel? In what ways might there be a danger of thinking too highly of this person or group?
- Do you tend to think too highly of yourself, or too lowly of yourself, in Christ? Which part of Paul's statement in 1 Corinthians 15:9-10 do you especially need to hear and take to heart?
- Might there be someone in your life who might think too highly of you? What could you do to guard against this?