

THEME: From One Extreme To The Next.

May 26, 2019 Acts 14:8 – 20 Selected Verses (NIV)

“In Lystra there sat a man crippled in his feet, who was lame from birth and had never walked. When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting. Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. In the past, he let all nations go their own way. Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.”

In this text we see that the Lord God healed a crippled man through the Apostle Paul. The crowds then wanted to worship Paul and Barnabas as gods.

The Apostle Paul strongly discouraged the people from doing this, the next thing we see, is that the Jews from Antioch and Iconium came into town and stirred up the crowds and now the crowd is stoning Paul and leaving him for dead.

How quickly things change!

In the Garden of Eden, everything was perfect. There was no sin or death, then Satan comes along and leads Adam and Eve into Sin and now there is death and sorrow and grief in the world.

Then the Lord God promises to send a Savior, Who comes into the World for the sin of the World. Jesus goes to the cross and before we know it, three days later, Jesus has risen from the dead, victorious over sin, death and the devil. The price for sin is made, Jesus suffered hell as our substitute and we now have heaven.

Life can change in a hurry. It can go from one extreme to the next, but our salvation in Christ Jesus does not change. It is constant, and before you know it, Jesus will be coming again with all His holy ones to take you and I and all believers to our heavenly home. AMEN