

Acts 20:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.' The Spirit's consistent message prepared Paul for suffering. 'Bonds and afflictions' - specific warnings of imprisonment and persecution.

Historical Context

Multiple prophetic warnings (Acts 21:4, 11) confirmed what Paul experienced in every city. The Spirit's witness prepared without deterring Paul's obedience.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does foreknowledge of suffering affect your willingness to obey God?
2. What does consistent prophetic warning accomplish for those receiving it?

Interlinear Text

πλὴν	ὅτι	τὸ	πνεῦμα	τὸ	ἅγιον	κατὰ	πόλιν
Save	that	G3588	Ghost	G3588	the Holy	in every	city
G4133	G3754		G4151		G40	G2596	G4172
διαμαρτύρεται	λέγον	ὅτι	δεσμὰ	με	καὶ	θλίψεις	
witnesseth	saying	that	bonds	me	and	afflictions	
G1263	G3004	G3754	G1199	G3165	G2532	G2347	
μένουσιν							
abide							
G3306							

Additional Cross-References

Acts 9:16 (Parallel theme): For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Acts 21:4 (Spirit): And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

1 Thessalonians 3:3 (Parallel theme): That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

Acts 21:33 (Parallel theme): Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

Acts 14:22 (Parallel theme): Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

Acts 21:11 (Holy): And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

2 Timothy 2:12 (Parallel theme): If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

