

Acts 20:23

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

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 G40 in every G2596 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:

