

Herod Persecutes the Church Acts 11:27-12:5

I. Antioch _____ to Jerusalem's _____ - 11:27-30

v.27-28 - Prophecy can point to either _____ or _____ God's truth. Wiersbe writes "NT prophets received their messages from the Lord _____, but ministers and teachers today get their messages _____ through the _____."

Luke's point in v.27-30 is not just that God _____ the _____, but also _____ loving response. Wiersbe writes "The purpose of true prophecy is not to _____ our _____ about the future, but to stir up our hearts to _____ the _____ of _____."

Galatians 6:9-10 - Antioch understood 2 Biblical principles:

- Christians should _____ their _____ blessings with those God has used to _____ them _____. (Galatians 6:6; Romans 15:27)
- Christians are to _____ to the _____, but their main _____ is to _____. (James 2:14-17; I John 3:17-18; II Cor. 8-9)

II. Herod _____ the _____ - 12:1-4
v.2 - The _____ Apostle to _____ was one of the "_____." For much of Church history _____ has been the _____.

v.3 - This indicates something changed from ch.5:12-13 to v.3. Unbelieving Jews knew of the

_____, but it seems that when the Church began to _____ (11:18) it was more than they could take.

III. The Church _____ For _____ - 12:5

1) Effective prayer is _____ for _____

Hebrews 10:19-22 - Praying in _____ is an admission by a believer that "I can only come to God by _____, but I come _____ by _____!"

2) Effective prayer is _____

The word "earnest" in v.5 means to be _____ and speaks of intense _____. It means talking to God with our whole _____ and concentrating on Him _____ our _____.

Torrey writes that "Much of our _____ prayer lacks _____ because it lacks _____."

3) Effective prayer is "_____ " - Torrey writes that "We must have a definite and vivid realization that God is _____ over us _____ as we _____."

4) Effective prayer must be _____ - James 4:1-2 means that God _____ certain _____ simply because _____ do not _____ Him for _____.