



USEFUL TO THE LORD
Imperfect Previews

ACTS 13:17-23

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Acts 13:17 *The God of this people Israel chose our fathers and made the people great during their stay in the land of Egypt, and with uplifted arm he led them out of it. **18** And for about forty years he put up with them in the wilderness. **19** And after destroying seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land as an inheritance. **20** All this took about 450 years. And after that he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. **21** Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. **22** And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' **23** Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised. (ESV)*

1. Celebrate _____ (vv.17, 19a, 20-23)

2. Be _____ (v.18)

3. Value _____ (v.19b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Corinthians 4:7** and **James 1:16-17**. What are some of the temporal good things that God has provided for you in this life? Why is it important that you remember that these come to you by God's grace and generosity?
2. Read **Job 1:18-22** and **Philippians 4:10-14**. In what situations have you become too focused on God's gracious gifts, making your attitude and spiritual contentment dependent on whether or not you have those gifts?
3. Read **Deuteronomy 8:11-20**. What are some of the ways you know you've started to "forget the Lord" in your present earthly pursuits?
4. Read **2 Peter 3:10-13** and **Hebrews 11:8-16**. What steps can you take to strengthen your anticipation and affections for the next life?
5. Read **Colossians 3:1-4**. How would you instruct and counsel a young Christian who asks you how he can live out the truth of this passage well?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

January 30th
Ex.22-24 & Mt.20:17-34

January 31st
Ex.25-26 & Mt.21:1-22

February 1st
Ex.27-28 & Mt.21:23-46

February 2nd
Ex.29-30 & Mt.22:1-22

February 3rd
Ex.31-33 & Mt.22:23-46

February 4th
Ex.34-36 & Mt.23:1-22

February 5th
Ex.37-38 & Mt.23:23-39

February 6th
Ex.39-40 & Mt.24:1-22

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Msg. 13-23 – **Urgency & True Importance**
Msg. 01-11 – **Keeping Your Eyes on the Destination**
Msg. 20-18 – **Recalibrating Our Minds**
Msg. 17-01 – **In Light of God's Financial Forecast**
Msg. 04-10 – **A Lifelong Quest**
Msg. 18-19 – **God's Good Plans**
Msg. 19-03 – **The Centrality of the Resurrection**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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Mayhue, Richard. **The Healing Promise: Is It Always God's Will to Heal?** Mentor Books, 1997.
Rhodes, Ron. **The Wonder of Heaven: A Biblical Tour of Our Eternal Home**. Harvest House, 2009.
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