

Paul's Journey Continues
Lesson #12
Acts 18:9-28

Priscilla and Aquila - Acts 18:9-22

Review

1. Paul's second missionary journey had taken him to the city of Corinth where he met a Jewish couple from Rome who were believers. In this couple Paul found strength and encouragement. In Acts 18:11, Luke wrote that Paul stayed in Corinth for about 18 months, and sometime during those months he was taken to court by the Jews. Paul stood before Gallio, the Roman proconsul, accused of "*persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law.*" (Acts 18:13) Before Paul was able to make his defense, what happened? (Acts 18:14-16)

2. After that experience, what did Paul do? (Acts 18:18a)

3. Why do you think he didn't leave immediately? (See Acts 18:9, 10)

4. The time finally came for Paul to travel on. Using Acts 18:18:
 - What was Paul's destination?

 - Who went with him when he left Corinth?

 - Before he left, what did he do?

 - Why did he do that?

Nazirite Vow - Numbers 6:1-21

5. Before continuing with the study, it is important to understand Paul's action in light of Scriptures. Turn to Numbers, the fourth book of the Old Testament, where this vow is described. What was the purpose of this vow? (Numbers 6:2)

6. What is included in that vow?

- Numbers 6:3, 4

- Numbers 6:5

- Numbers 6:6

7. After the vow had been fulfilled, how would one end a Nazirite vow?

- Numbers 6:13

- Numbers 6:14, 15

- Numbers 6:18a

- Numbers 6:18b

After that, the person was no longer bound to the vow of a Nazirite. Please note: This law was given to Moses while Israel was in the wilderness. The Tent of Meeting was the Tabernacle in the center of the camp, the place where God's presence was among His people. Once the Temple was built in Jerusalem, it replaced the Tent of Meeting as the place of God's presence.

Ephesus to Antioch - Acts 18:19-22

8. When Paul and his companions arrived in Ephesus, what was Paul's first concern?
(Acts 18:19)

9. According to Acts 18:20, 21a, what was the request made of Paul and the answer he gave?

15. This powerful, bold speaker wanted to share the gospel message with others. When he told the brothers at Ephesus that he wanted to go to Achaia, what was their response? (Acts 18:27a)

16. How did that trip go for Apollos? (Acts 18:27b, 28)

Think about it!

Apollos was successful, just as Paul was, because he knew the Scriptures. The people responded not because of human persuasiveness, but because of the power of the Holy Spirit and the authority of the Word of God. If knowledge of the Scriptures was so important to Paul and Apollos, is it any less for us today?