

# Sermon Series: Acts: The Church on Fire

## Acts 12:20-25      *Glory to God*

**\*Glory to man brings death Glory to God brings life.**

⇒ Humility: not assuming a position of glory. Humility is sharing the credit with another who deserves it (or deserves it more). Humility is also submitting to another's authority and not trying to overtake his/her rule. It takes strength and boldness to be humble. (i.e. Swindoll sharing a story about John Wooden and UCLA recommending a coach to another school for a coaching position.)

### I. **Glory to Man**

- A. Peter is gone and Herod goes to Caesarea
  - i. Blamed the sentries rather than see it as a work of God
  - ii. Caesarea is the capital of Judea for the Roman government
- B. Tyre and Sidon need help
  - i. Came with one "passion"
  - ii. Bribe Herod's servant
  - iii. Known for sin and hedonism
  - iv. Looked to man for help instead of God.
- C. "A god, not a man"
  - i. Herod dressed in royal robes
  - ii. People want to flatter him to gain a better position
- D. Struck down by the angel of the Lord
  - i. He would not give the glory due to God (same as Satan)
  - ii. Same angel and same strike as with Peter
  - iii. Eaten by worms and died 5 days later (same ending for all sinners?)
  - iv. Symbol of how sin affects our lives.
- E. Glory to man brings death.
  - i. Man chose his own way instead of God's way.
  - ii. If we do not accept God's grace and love, then we accept His judgment and wrath.

### II. **Glory to God**

- A. Herod used as an example of God's judgment
- B. The Word of God grows

- i. "But"
  - ii. Growth is multiplying the Word in the lives of others
  - iii. Not more people attending; it's more people living like the people of God
- C. Barnabas and Saul return
  - i. Herod removed James and Peter (mostly)
  - ii. God removed Herod
  - iii. B and S sent to further the word of God
- D. Glory to God brings life
  - i. Glory to man brings death. Glory to God brings life.
  - ii. God will be glorified in your life. Either by your life or by your death.

### **III. Live It Out**

- A. Don't take glory that belongs to God
- B. Be intentional in giving God glory for the things in your life