

THE PERIL OF PRIDE

Pastor Stephen Baker. Sunday, August 11, 2024.

Acts: The Blueprint for the Church / Acts 12:20–25

I. Introduction

1. Historical and Political Context
2. Conflict with the Early Church
3. Divine Judgment and Theological Lessons
4. Contrast with the Growth of the Church
5. Moral and Ethical Implications
6. Literary and Narrative Structure

II. Conflict with Tyre and Sidon ([Acts 12:20](#))

III. Herod's Public Address ([Acts 12:21-22](#))

IV. Divine Judgment on Herod ([Acts 12:23](#))

Lessons:



1. Divine Judgment and Retribution
2. Corruption and Decay of Human Power
3. Warning Against Idolatry and Hubris
4. Vindication of the Early Church
5. Contrast Between Earthly and Divine Glory

V. Growth of the Word of God ([Acts 12:24](#))

VI. Return of Barnabas and Saul ([Acts 12:25](#))

VII. Conclusion

1. Recognizing God's Sovereignty:
2. Dealing with Flattery:
3. Pride in Relationships:
4. Seeking Accountability:

Prayer Requests	Information
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sarah – continues to improve. Derek, Rodger & Carol. 2. Dee’s brother Charles - lung problems. Dee's sister-in-law in hospital. 3. John and Caroline – health. 4. Althea – asks prayer for her niece who has low blood pressure. 5. Greg and Sonya J. - grand baby in ICU 6. Mira J. - back procedure 7. Robert E. - dealing with flashbacks 8. Judy O - cancer spreading 9. Austin Gardner - cancer 10. Kevin A. - healing 11. Zane - November surgery 12. Sadie - healing 13. Aunt Francis – healing, and Karen, her daughter. 14. Reme and Abbey 15. Ethan and Brandon - redemption/healing. 16. Roger F. – healing 17. David P. - healing 18. Wylene – Continues to have pain. 19. Becky - healing 20. Abbey - in lot of pain - healing 21. United States Leaders 22. Unspoken Requests 23. Cindy D. - healing 24. Marvin F. - healing 25. Selina Cowan – continued healing 26. April – healing, breathing. 27. Pastor – wisdom for how to handle challenging circumstances. 28. Harold and Hazel P. 29. Janice Foster – still having problems. 30. J. Skidmore - healing 31. Selina H. – healing 32. Karen – doing better than she was. 33. Mike & Julia G. – New baby 34. Herschel W. – Day job. 35. Mike W. – Mother – healing. 36. Althea asks prayer for the Holtzclaw grandson who is 1 years old with medical problems. 37. Lucy – Steve’s granddaughter’s friend. 38. Courtney B. – High Risk pregnancy. 39. Shirley Boyd – Healing. 40. Richards grandson - the baby is breached 	<p>*Sunday School: 10 am</p> <p>*Morning Worship & Bible Preaching: 11 am / Harmony Kids! 11 am (in the Gym)</p> <p>*Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7 pm (in the Christian Life Center)</p> <p>*Listen Online: <i>HarmonyBConline.com</i>. You can also download our App. In your device’s app store, search for: ChurchOne by Sermon Audio. Once the app is installed, enter code: 03874</p> <p>*Online Giving: https://HarmonyBConline.com/giving-online/</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>SCAN ME</p> </div> <p>*Books by Pastor Stephen Baker: CrossLifePress.com</p> <p>*Contact Pastor Stephen Baker: pastor.harmonybc@gmail.com 706-659-9298</p> <p>*Free Guest Wi-Fi During the Service.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>SCAN ME</p> </div> <p>Network Name: Harmony BC-guest Password: freewifi</p>