

## **Barnabas: A Good Man Misled**

### ⇒ **INTRODUCTION:**

- Barnabas and Paul had spent many years together as laborers.
  - Now in **Acts 15:37-39** we find the last mention of the man Barnabas in the Word of God.
  - The question that we would ask ourselves is: "Why was Barnabas no longer included in the record of God, and what can we learn from his disappearance?"

### ⇒ **I. THE MAN BARNABAS.**

- **A. He was an unselfish man.**
  - **See Acts 4:36-37**
- **B. He was trusted by the local church.**
  - **See Acts 11:22, 25, 30**
- **C. He finished the jobs set before him.**
  - **See Acts 12:25**
- **D. He was a co-laborer with Paul.**
  - **See Acts 13:1-3**
- **E. He was Paul's first Christian friend.**
  - **See Acts 9:26-27**
- **F. He was a humble man.**
  - **See Acts 14:11-15**
- **G. He was sound in doctrine.**
  - **See Acts 15:2, 22, 35**
- **H. He was accorded the place of an apostle by Paul.**
  - **See I Corinthians 9:3-6**

### ⇒ **II. BARNABAS' SIN.**

- **See Galatians 2:11-13**
- **See Acts 15:37-40**
- Barnabas was carried away by the dissimulation of the Jews.
  - Dissimulation literally means "a feigned or a pretended action."
  - So Barnabas was carried away or deluded by the pretense of some false friends that caused him to commit the act that is recorded in Acts 15:37 where he argued with Paul who had been given the leadership in the group.
  - He argued with Paul in his determination to take Mark.
  - Mark was Barnabas' nephew.
  - **See Colossians 4:10**

### ⇒ **III. THE PREVENTATIVE.**

- If we are to refrain from doing the things that caused this good man to fall, then the best thing for us to do is decide that there are some things to which we may listen and some things to which we dare not listen.

- Go through the concordance and you will find that there are some things about which God tells the speakers, "**Hold thy peace.**"
  - Compare **Luke 19:40** and **Titus 1:11** for the definition of "hold thy peace,"
  - So, "hold thy peace" literally means, "shut your mouth."
  - **A. Hold thy peace so as not to interrupt a preaching service.**
    - **Examples -**
    - **See Zephaniah 1:7**
    - **See Acts 12:17**
    - **See I Corinthians 14:30**
  - **B. Hold thy peace, when an improper person is talking about God.**
    - **See Mark 1:23-25**
  - **C. Hold thy peace; do not complain how toilsome it is to serve God.**
    - **See Exodus 14:11-14**
    - **See Nehemiah 8:9-11**
  - **D. Hold thy peace, people who would tell us not to get too wrapped up in God's work need to hold their peace.**
    - **See II Kings 2:3,5**
  - **E. Hold thy peace when you hear conversation about the shortcomings of others.**
    - **See II Samuel 13:20.**
  - **F. Hold thy peace, people who say that man doesn't really need saving need to hold their peace.**
    - **See Romans 3:19**
- ⇒ **CONCLUSION:**
- Barnabas was a good man, and he was off to a good start as he and Paul served the Lord together.
    - However, as Paul's leadership was blessed of God, Barnabas then argued over taking Mark on a missionary journey.
    - Paul would not do so; consequently, Barnabas took Mark with him, and we do not know of any of Barnabas accomplishments after that!
    - Paul took Silas then as a partner, and truly, we have the Gospel today because of all that God did through Paul!