

Many in this city are my people

Acts 18:1-17

Slides from Tim Savage's sermon at the morning service, Sunday 13th August 2023

Acts 18:1

After this, Paul left Athens and went to
Corinth

I. A personal assurance . . . (vv. 1-4)

Acts 18:2-3

There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus . . . [on the southern coast of the Black Sea] . . . who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them.

II. A perilous fate (vv. 5-8)

Acts 18:5-8

When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah . . . [the one appointed by God to put right all that is wrong in the world] . . . But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own hearts! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshipper of God. Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptised.

III. A powerful expectation (vv. 9-16)

Acts 18:9-11

One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

Acts 18:12-13

While Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews of Corinth made a united attack on Paul and brought him to the place of judgment. 'This man,' they charged, 'is persuading the people to worship God in ways contrary to the law.'

Acts 18:14-16

Just as Paul was about to speak, Gallio said to them, “If you Jews were making a complaint about some misdemeanour or serious crime, it would be reasonable for me to listen to you. But since it involves questions about words and names and your own law — settle the matter yourselves. I will not be a judge of such things.” So he drove them off.

