

Introduction- THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF MEASURING THE STATURE OF MEN

1. The world measures by wealth, strength, physical beauty, or the mysterious sex appeal
2. The scriptures lead us not to judge by appearances but to judge right us judgment-
3. Here Luke the Author of Acts refers to the Berean people as more noble than the Thessalonians. Let's see why.

I.- PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY BROUGHT HIM TO BEREAS*

A. NEW TERRITORY OPENED TO THE SOUND OF THE GOSPEL IN EURASIA

1. Led of the spirit to Philippi- 16:12- And Salvation of Phillipian Jailor- 30-31
2. Then to Thessalonica- 17:1, and he preached Christ to them- v3.
3. Opposition brought an uproar that caused Paul to have to leave the city (caused by Jews)

B. A MIDNIGHT JOURNEY AND ITS DISAPPOINTMENTS

1. To protect his friends- Jason, Paul and Silas left Thessalonica by night
2. Their trip carried them southwest through the grain fields, across a wide shallow river,
3. through irrigated fields, across a rising plain, heavy forest, eastern slopes of Olympian mountains, through a mtn pass to a city of 15-20 thousand, a synagogue of Jews 60 miles away.

C. BUT GOD HAD ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE MISSIONARY GROUP AT THE NEXT STOP

1. Have you ever taken a journey after a disappointing turn of events-
2. BUT GOD HAD ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE MISSIONARY GROUP AT THE NEXT STOP
3. 1. One thing about the Lord's work- keep on being faithful and the valleys are left behind.
2. Paul found a hearing in Berea- so was the welcome that it encouraged his heart.

II.- THE BEREANS WERE CALLED MORE NOBLE THAN THE THESSALONICANS * AND WITH REASON

Paul sought out the Jewish synagogue, and told them of Christ Jesus

A. THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL READINESS OF MIND

1. We need a ready mind to receive the things of God
2. Prides and prejudices often keep us from receiving the things God wants us to have
3. But a ready mind is not the only or the greatest attribute that made these noble.

B. THEY SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES DAILY, WHETHER THOSE THINGS WERE SO.

1. Some minds are like garbage cans- dumping grounds for all kinds of refuse-
2. We need to check up on what we hear- and these people did so-
3. Daily they searched the scriptures to see if they were being told the truth

B. WHAT DO YOU USE AS YOUR MEASURING STICK OF RIGHT /? They measured what they heard by Script

1. Some use their own feelings- Romanticists of literature- but can you judge by your changing f
2. Some use "Scientific Process"- measurement- facts- - but watch for sect of false science.
3. Some use "Cold, calculating, reason"- Intellectualism, Rationalism- but it goes incircles
4. Some use the "Classics"- Great literature of past- Plato, Aristotle- rich tradition but-

III.- 5. The Bereans were noble- because they used the word of God- the Old Testament- as their touchstone of all truth.

- A. We have the OT and the NT- Our feelings, science, reason, and tradition all enrich a person, but they must be weighed by the Scriptures to see if they are true!

III. MANY OF THEM BELIEVED BUT JEWS FROM THESSALONICA STIRRED UP THE PEOPLE

A. IF YOU WILL SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES YOU WILL FIND CHRIST, AND TRUTH

- B. 1. We need people that will spend enough time in the Bible to become noble.
2. These noblemen will not be tossed too and fro by every wind of false doctrine

B. BUT SATAN IS NEVER CONTENT TO ALLOW SPIRITUAL GROWTH TO CONTINUE

3. 1. He will import some of his agents and will try to cast down God's work in your heart.
2. But you have the choice- who will you believe- feeling, experimentation, reason, tradition?

C. IF YOU WILL KNOW THE TRUTH* COME TO THE 2-4 TH YEAR OLD SCRIPTURES

2. 1. They have stood the test of true feeling-experimentation, reason, tradition, & won!
2. The Scriptures will guide you to Jesus, the way the truth and the life

Concl. WILL YOU TAKE JESUS, AND WILL YOU SPEND TIME IN HIS WORD?

1. Salvation first- belief by faith- and receive eternal life
2. Search the Scriptures daily
- 3.