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- 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)
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- 16 There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

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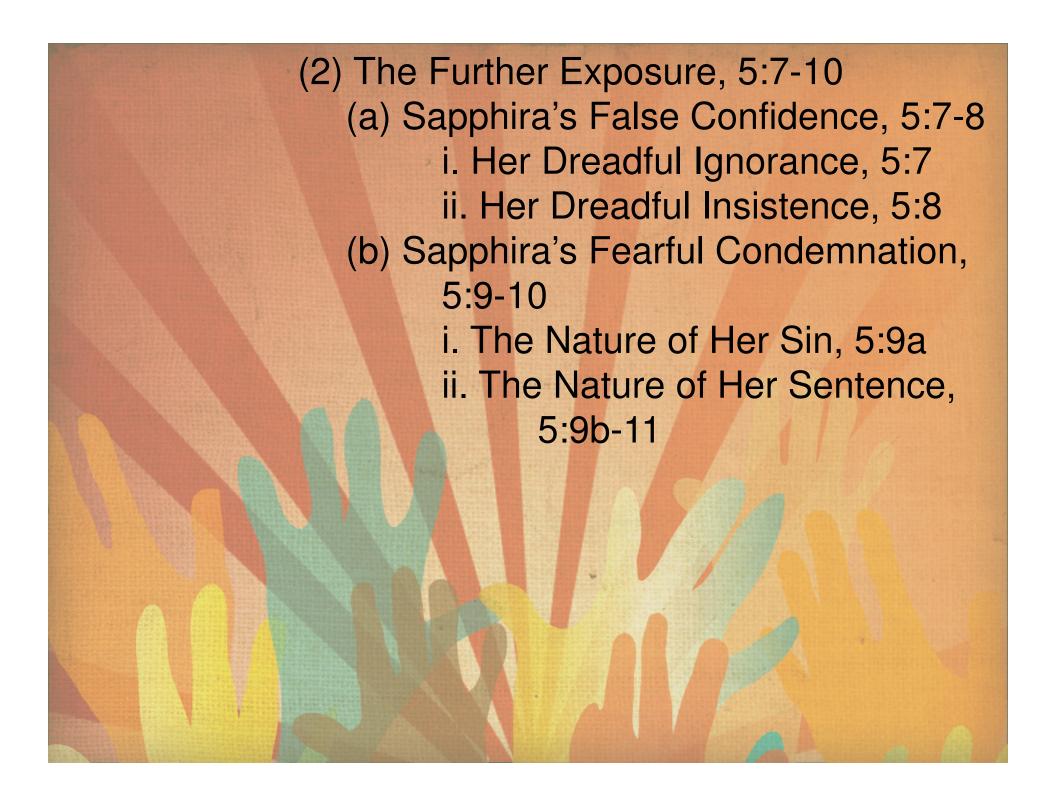
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a. Its Absolute Purity, 5:12-13

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Acts 5:11 And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

2 Cor. 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

- The apostles were powerful "lights" in Jerusalem.
- Their testimonies were "among the people"
- "ALL THE TIME, EVERYWHERE"
- The church in Jerusalem had great unity "...and they were all with one accord..."

Original Word: ὁμοθυμαδόν

Transliteration: homothumadon

Definition: with one mind, unanimously, with one

accord, at the same time.

Properly, with the same passion, in "one accord" (having the same desire).

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Acts 5:13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

 Some people wanted nothing to do with the church, and others magnified them.

b. Its Abundant Progress, 5:14

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Acts 1:15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

Act 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

c. Its Apostolic Power, 5:15-16

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Luke 5:15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

Mt. 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Mt. 10:1 And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

- This section is very similar to Acts 4:32-35.
- The church was in unity and God was richly blessing.
- Satan caused a problem, using Ananias and Sapphira to interrupt the unity.
- After God intervened with the removal, the church returned to experiencing God's blessings, <u>Acts 5:12-16</u>.

Conclusion

Ex. 17:6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

7 And he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim.

9 And Moses said unto **Joshua**, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

Acts 5:17 Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,

- 1 Pet. 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:
- 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: