Northwest Bible Church - March 8, 2020 - Book of Acts - Alan Conner

**Acts 18:18-22**

*Paul’s Vow*

Intro

**A. THE VOW IN CENCHREA**

1. Why did Paul make a vow?

2. This appears to be a **Nazirite vow (Numb. 6).**

**B. OATHS AND VOWS IN THE BIBLE**

1. The distinction between an oath and a vow.

a. Oath - are solemn promises made to men calling on God as witness;

b. Vow - is a solemn promise made to God alone.

The purpose of the oath is **confirmation** of the truth; and the purpose of the vow is **commitment** of a life.

2. The seriousness of oaths and vows. Numb. 30:2; Deut. 23:21-23.

3. The abuse of oaths. Mt. 5:33-37 cf. Jas. 5:12.

**C. ARE VOWS APPROPRIATE FOR TODAY?**

1. Vow makers in the Bible:

2. When a “return” to God is appropriate. 2 Chron. 32:24-25.

Conclusion