

BIBLE STUDY

August 15, 2023 Scripture: Acts 7:35-60

Topic: The Ultimate Witness of Stephen!

(Wrapping Up Last Week and Making Connections) Lessons from Moses (7:17-34)

- a. God takes care of you even when you're not aware of it (vv.17-22)
- b. Calling can sometimes come with Distractions, Detours, and Disappointments (vv. 23-29)
- c. God is NEVER Finished with You! (vv. 30-34)
 - i. Age Doesn't Matter
 - ii. Failure Doesn't Matter
 - iii. Fragility Doesn't Matter

I. A Pattern of Disobedience and Rejection of God's Representatives

- a. The Rejection of Moses (vv. 35-43)
- b. The Rejection of the _____ (v. 51)
- c. The Rejection of ______ (v. 52)
- d. The Rejection of the Word/Law of God (v. 53)
- II. The Two Paths of Conviction: ______ or _____
 - a. Repentance- accepting conviction, realize one's failings, and change one's direction in life, decision making, and actions.
 - b. Resistance- rejecting conviction, refusing to accept blame or shortcomings, and continuing down the path contrary to the Will of God.
 - c. The members of the Sanhedrin choose to resist conviction

- i. Resistance led to _____ (v. 54)
- ii. Resistance caused them to _____ Revelation (vv.55-57)
- iii. Resistance led to _____ (v. 58)
 - 1. The Entrance of Saul/Paul
- III. God Desires _____ Worship and Relationship (vv.44-50)
 - a. Stephen's Accusers Upheld a Façade of Worship but were Spiritually Empty
 - i. They relied on their status as rulers & leaders of the Temple but did not develop a relationship with God.
 - b. Objects and Rituals of Worship Point to the Great Holy God!
 - i. Tent of Meeting, i.e., the Tabernacle
 - ii. The Tabernacle and the Temple were ______ of God and the True Great High Priest (*Hebrews 8:1-6*)
- IV. The Ultimate Witness of Stephen (vv.59-60)
 - a. Stephen was a _____
 - i. Martyr- A witness of the faith (through death for the faith). Stephen was the first Christian Martyr.
 - b. Stephen was a Model
 - i. Modeled the Lord Jesus Christ
 - ii. Model for All Believers of the Faith

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