
SERMON OUTLINE

Rejecting God's Grace

Acts 6:8-7:53

- I. The Jewish leaders accused Stephen of opposing God (Acts 6:8-7:1).
 - A. When they couldn't defeat Stephen's wisdom, they falsely accused him of blasphemy (6:8-11).
 - ***Stephen was accused of opposing God, His spokesman (Moses), and His Word (the Law).***
 - B. When brought to trial, the High Priest demanded that Stephen defend himself (6:12-7:1)
- II. Stephen accused the Jews of rejecting God's grace like Israel did (Acts 7:2-53).
 - A. ABRAHAM: God promised His grace to Abraham (7:2-8).
 - B. JOSEPH: Israel's forefathers rejected Joseph, an instrument of God's grace (7:9-29).
 - C. MOSES: Israel's forefathers rejected Moses, an instrument of God's grace (7:30-43).
 - 1. They rejected Moses when he 1st tried to help (35)
 - 2. They rejected Moses after he rescued them (39).
 - Implied: They now rejected the "Prophet" Moses foretold (Acts 7:37; 3:22,23; Deut. 18:18)
 - D. THE TEMPLE: Israel was rejecting God by revering the temple instead of God Himself (7:44-50).
 - E. JESUS: Israel rejected God's grace by crucifying Jesus and rejecting the gospel (7:51-53)!
 - ***They are guilty of rejecting God (Holy Spirit), His Righteous One (Jesus), and His Word (the Law)***

Application: Have you rejected or responded to God's grace through Jesus Christ?

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