

Sermon from Acts 7

Who was Stephen?

- First introduced to this good man in Acts 6.
 - Described as a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit. 6:5
 - Must have also been a man of good reputation and full of wisdom. 6:3
 - Chosen to oversee the distribution to the Hellenists.
- In addition to serving, he also was a proclaimer of the Faith. 6:8-15

Stephen's Sermon

- Recorded in Acts 7:2-53.
- Makes his point by giving a summary of the Jewish people and their tendency.
- Main point:
 1. We have a family history of rejecting God's chosen leaders.

Israel Rejects God's Leaders

- Israel had a habit of rejecting the leaders God had chosen for them.
 - Joseph is rejected. 7:9
 - Moses is rejected. 7:25-28, 35
 - Moses is rejected again. 7:37-39
 - The prophets were persecuted and killed. 7:51, 52
 - Had rejected and murdered Jesus. 7:52
 - Stephen would soon be murdered. 7:54-59

Application

- Don't reject those whom God has chosen as His spokesmen.
 - Listen to Jesus. Hebrews 1:1-4
 - Listen to the holy apostles. 1 Cor. 14:37; Eph. 3:3-5
- Rejecting truth makes us look ugly.
 - Acts 7:54, 57, 58
 - Galatians 4:16

Application

- Evangelists have the responsibility to proclaim the word of God.
 - Acts 7:54; Acts 20:20, 26, 27
- Evangelists are not held accountable for how the group responds.
 - Acts 7:54 vs. Acts 2:37