

The Glory of a Rejected Savior

Acts 7:1-59

Stephen defended his faith by clarifying what faith in God is.

1. Vs. 1-7 Abraham was considered to be the Father of Faith because he acted obediently to what God promised.
2. Vs. 8 God confirmed the promise through the covenant of circumcision.
3. Vs. 9-16 God would fulfill his promise through a 'Rejected Savior'. – Joseph
4. Vs. 17-20 God never lost sight of his children. – the homeless slaves
5. Vs. 20-29 God would fulfill his promise through a 'Rejected Child.. – Moses
6. Vs. 30-34 God never lost sight of his plan to save the person whom he chose. – The Rejected Savior – Moses
7. Vs. 35-38 Moses the rejected became Moses, the ruler, the judge and the prophet of God.
8. Vs. 39-43 Even when God gave his life giving Law, the people were rejecting God.
9. Vs. 44-50 God's plan for a place of worship was a Tabernacle. Man's plan was for a Temple which was never to be a substitute for the Temple of God in heaven.
10. Vs. 51 – 52 Stephen represents the history of the Rejected Prophets
11. Vs. 52 – 53 Stephen now proclaims the real sin of rejecting, betraying and murdering the Messiah, the Savior of All, God himself, Jesus Christ.

Stephen has framed the history of God and his people around Saving Faith

A Spiritual Checkup

Am I in any way resisting the Holy Spirit?

Do I believe in the Rejected Savior, Jesus Christ (Messiah) to save me into eternal life?

