

**Are You Resisting God or Men? (Acts 5:33-39)** **10/22/23**

**Review**

Luke was evidently indicating the full weight of \_\_\_\_\_, legal, and religious \_\_\_\_\_ being brought to bear against the apostles.

Notes on the leadership involved:

\_\_\_\_\_ was the motive behind the Jewish leaders' antagonism toward the church.

God sent an angel to \_\_\_\_\_ and recommission the apostles.

The Jewish leaders had been humiliated by their \_\_\_\_\_ to stop these men by the authority vested in their \_\_\_\_\_.

Conspicuously \_\_\_\_\_ from the high priest's charges is any mention of the apostles' \_\_\_\_\_ escape from prison.

Their claim is that the apostles secretly desire to make them \_\_\_\_\_.

In his brief response, Peter placed the Sanhedrin in \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**The Council's Violent Hostility (v. 33)**

\_\_\_\_\_ preaching will inevitably provoke a violent reaction from those \_\_\_\_\_ in sin.

cut to the quick (*diaprio*) =

kill (*anaireo*) =

This is the first time we see the Jewish leaders contemplating \_\_\_\_\_ of the apostles.

Cross references on this violently hostile reaction to the gospel:

**Gamaliel's Tolerant Indecision (vv. 34-39)**

This is the first time in Acts that an unbeliever speaks to others in \_\_\_\_\_ of the Christians.

Notes on [Gamaliel](#):

Gamaliel warns the Council to \_\_\_\_\_, to not act rashly, but wisely, giving the matter great \_\_\_\_\_.

Gamaliel used \_\_\_\_\_ to make his case for restraint in the \_\_\_\_\_.

Notes on Gamaliel's examples:

Gamaliel presumes that \_\_\_\_\_ would reward or punish the young church as they deserved. Gamaliel's logic:

If Christianity is of man → it will \_\_\_\_\_

If Christianity is of God → you cannot \_\_\_\_\_ it

Notes from [Mark 11:27-33](#):

Ironically, Gamaliel is warning his \_\_\_\_\_ about doing exactly what Peter had already indicted them for, which was being \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

**Was Gamaliel's Counsel Biblical?**

Gamaliel's principle is not a \_\_\_\_\_ gauge of what *is* or is *not* from God.

His approach does not emphasize the importance of considering the \_\_\_\_\_ of the apostles' claims.

Waiting to see how things \_\_\_\_\_ is not an adequate form of guidance for difficult \_\_\_\_\_.

The notion that whatever succeeds has God's blessing is \_\_\_\_\_.

He was a \_\_\_\_\_—a poor substitute for being a good biblical scholar.