

IRREFUTABLE TRUTH – Acts 7

In chapter seven we find Stephen's sermon.

In (v.2) From (v.2-50) we find **five** *examples from Israel's history*, which support the **irrefutable** truth, in v.51-53. The purpose of his history lesson is to **highlight God's sovereignty over senility (being senile), diseased mind, of mankind!**

1) God's promise to Abraham, (v.2-8).

2) Joseph's journey (v.9-16).

3) Deliverance under Moses (v.17-43).

(Romans 8:31) What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

In (v.17-22) Moses faced opposition at birth! (v.17-19).

In (v.23-29) Moses misreads God's plan for his life, and murders a man; he then becomes a *fugitive*, hiding out in the *land of Midian*.

(v.30-34). The **sovereignty of God** is greater than our *failures!*

In (v.35-43) the people, *despite God's endorsement of His servant*, rebelled against Moses.

Moloch – was the *licentious/perverted god* of the Ammonites; to whom children were sacrificed; and **Remphan** – was the Egyptian “star-god” (Saturn). Outwardly they carried the tabernacle of God, but inwardly they longed for Egypt, and practiced idolatry!

Correlation between Moses and Christ.

God’s endorsement: *“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”* Matthew 3:17.

Performed miracles. *“don’t believe Me, as least believe My works.”* John 10:38. The ultimate “work - resurrection! Luke 11:29.

Declared the oracles of God but was also the *manifestation* of the **word!** John 1:14.

4) **Building of the Tabernacle (v.44-46).**

5) **(v.47-50) The construction of Solomon’s Temple. Isaiah 66:1, 2a.**

(Colossians 2:16-17) So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

Stephen now comes to his main point! **(v.51-54).**

Verses 55-60: It’s only when we are “being full,” and our minds are set on Jesus, that we can see beyond our circumstances!

“being full” - Being – to begin under (quietly); Full – covered over, thoroughly permeated.

Mind set on Jesus – (Colossians 3:1, 2) If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Set (your mind/affections) – phroneo: think, regard, savor.

(v.58-60). *“Pray without ceasing!”* 1 Thessalonians 5:17.

Keep calling out! (Psalm 40:1) I waited patiently for the Lord; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

(2 Corinthians 5:8) We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

CONCLUSION: (John 18:37b-38a) “...Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” Pilate said to Him, “What is truth?” And when he had said this, he went out...”

(John 8:31-32) Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

make – eleutheroo: to liberate, to exempt from moral/mortal liability.

(Romans 6:23) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Scripture warns: (Proverbs 29:1) He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Because of God's irrefutable love and mercy, He sent us a "Savior!"