

ACTS

THE IMPACT OF REDEMPTION



ACTS 12:20-25

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ACTS 12:20-25 (cont.)

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THE NON- COMPETING GLORY OF GOD

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A1: *Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.*





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4. That in Christ only, will all the justice and wrath of God for our sin be poured out and mercifully assumed by Jesus himself.





THE GLORY-

SEEKING

HEROD



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“The best thing about Jesus was that he had a mom who believed he was the son of God. Imagine how better the world would be if all our moms thought that way.”

WAYNE DYER

Self-Help Guru



“This is great for parents, but it’s good for baby, too. When the baby looks at the face of the diaper-changing caregiver and sees happiness rather than disgust, he picks up a good message about himself—perhaps a perk for a budding self-esteem.”

WILLIAM SEARS, MD & MARTHA SEARS, RN





“On the second day of which shows he put on a garment made wholly of silver, and of a contexture truly wonderful, and came into the theatre early in the morning; at which time the silver of his garment being illuminated by the fresh reflection of the sun’s rays upon it, shone out after a surprising manner, and was so resplendent as to spread a horror over those that looked intently upon him; and presently his flatterers cried out, one from one place, and another from another (though not for his good), that he was a god; and they added, “Be thou merciful to us; for although we have hitherto revered thee only as a man, yet shall we henceforth own thee as superior to mortal nature.””



“Upon this the king did neither rebuke them, nor reject their impious flattery. But, as he presently afterwards looked up, he saw an owl sitting on a certain rope over his head, and immediately understood that this bird was the messenger of ill tidings, as it had once been the messenger of good tidings to him; and fell into the deepest sorrow.”

TITUS FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS

The Antiquities of the Jews

(1st Century AD)



**THE GLORY-
RECOVERING
GOD**



“It cannot be that thou shouldst long continue in these bonds; but thou wilt soon be delivered from them, and wilt be promoted to the highest dignity and power, and thou wilt be envied by all those who now pity thy hard fortune; and thou wilt be happy till thy death, and wilt leave thine happiness to the children whom thou shalt have. But, do thou remember, when thou seest this bird again, that thou wilt then live but five days longer.”

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ACTS 12:23

Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.



“A severe pain also arose in his belly, and began in a most violent manner. He therefore looked upon his friends, and said, ‘I whom you call a god, am commanded presently to depart this life; while Providence thus reproves the lying words you just now said to me; and I, who was by you called immortal, am immediately to be hurried away by death.’”

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1 TIMOTHY 3:6

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.



ACTS 12:24-25

But the word of God increased and multiplied. And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.





“Pride is a vice, which cleaves so fast unto the hearts of men, that if we were to strip ourselves of all faults, one by one, we should undoubtedly find it the very last and hardest to pull off.”

THOMAS HOOKER

1586 – 1647

Founder of the Colony of Connecticut



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