

Southside Baptist Church
Sunday Morning – 5-17-26
Christianity 103 – Message 7 Part 7
Stephen speaks truth to the religious leaders.

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

- 1) Do you have a clear conscience before the Lord this morning?
- 2) Moses took a stand, by faith, to separate himself from the world and identify with God's people.
 - a) Moses fled to Midian which God used to mature Moses.
 - b) Spiritual immaturity is only a problem for those who should be spiritually mature.
- 3) What if Moses had said no to God's purpose for Madian?
- 4) Moses encountered God in a burning bush.
- 5) Today, the Church, every born-again believer are the ones that God has chosen to work in and through to make Himself known in the world.
 - a) II Corinthians 5:20 –
- 6) Did you practice the Presence of God this past week?

b. Taking a look ahead:

- 1) Stephen moves from talking about Moses to talking about the children of Israel.
- 2) The battle with the "old" life comes into play in this story.

2. Jesus in the Old Testament? Acts 7:37-38; Deut. 18:15,18.

a. Moses spoke about Jesus.

- 1) Verse 37 –
 - a) Deut. 18:15-
 - b) Deut. 18:18 –
- 2) "like unto me" – what does this mean?
 - a) This speaks of Moses as a mediator, miracles God did through him, and close communion with God.
- 3) Verse 38 –
 - a) "church in the wilderness" – the assembly of the Israelites.
 - b) "Angel which spake to him in the mount Sina" – The pre-incarnate Christ.
 - c) "lively oracles" – His words are enduring and lasting.
- 4) The Word we have in our hands today is powerful.
 - a) Hebrews 4:12 –

3. Israel rejected God's truth. Acts 7:39-43

a. They turned away from God.

- 1) Verse 39 –
 - a) "fathers would not obey" – speaking of that generation of Israelites.
 - b) "thrust him from them" – to drive away from oneself, to reject.
 - c) "and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt." – Had they been giving lip service to God?
 - d) Isaiah 29:13 – "Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men."
- 2) You can see the battle of the old life in these verses.

- a) II Corinthians 5:17 –
- b) The "old" is passed, but sadly not forgotten.

b. They turned toward idols. Acts 7:40

- 1) What is idolatry?

- 2) Verse 40 –
 - a) I wonder if they had been waiting for this opportunity.
- 3) Verse 41 –
 - a) The people demanded an idol be made. Exodus 32:1
 - b) They fashioned a golden calf. Exodus 32:2-4
 - c) They proclaimed a feast to the Lord. Exodus 32:4
 - d) They offered sacrifices. Exodus 32:6
 - e) They feasted, drank, and participated in immorality. Exodus 32:6
- c. Moses gave them a choice.
 - 1) “Who is on the Lord’s side?”
 - a) Galatians 6:7-8 –
 - 2) Application – People lost their life for lip service and routine worship.
 - 3) Church – where does God find your heart this morning?
- 4. Transition to the Lord’s Supper:
 - a. We do this in remembrance of Him.