

Notes - Book of Acts Study, Part 32 – Wed, September 16, 2020

Acts 6:9

⁹ *Opposition arose, however, from members of the Synagogue ...who began to argue with Stephen.*

Acts 6:15

¹⁵ *All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.*

Acts 6:11-14

¹¹ *Then they secretly persuaded some men to say, “We have heard Stephen speak blasphemous words against Moses and against God.”*

¹² *So they stirred up the people and the elders and the teachers of the law. They seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin. ¹³ They produced false witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. ¹⁴ For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.”*

Will we as believers be plotted against? Will we be slandered? Are believers persecuted like Jesus?

John 15:20

²⁰ *Remember what I told you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also.*

John 16:33

³³ *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

Since Jesus overcame the world, we will too!

Matthew 5:10

¹⁰ *Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

Acts 7

³⁹ *“But our ancestors refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt.*

⁵¹ *“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! ⁵² Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— ⁵³ you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”*

Stiff-necked: *stubborn and haughty.*

Exodus 32:7-9

⁷ *Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’*

⁹ *“I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people.*

Is it possible for us to stiff-necked or haughty today?

Is it possible for us to look at the culture today with disdain?

God’s presence is not confined to a building

Acts 6:13

¹³ *They produced false witnesses, who testified, “This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law.*