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MORNING MESSAGE

“The Kind of Preaching that Will Get You Killed”

Acts 7:1-53

- I. IT HAS POWERFUL APOLOGETICS (vv.2-50)
 - A. The beginning of Stephen’s sermon (v.2a)
 1. Stephen called the members of the Sanhedrin, “brethren” and “fathers”
 2. Stephen called God “the God of glory”
 - a. It is to call Him everything that God is, all the attributes of God
 - b. The only other place that lofty title is found is in Psalm 29:3, “The voice of the Lord is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth”
 - B. The body of Stephen’s sermon (vv.2b-50)
 1. He preached about Abraham (vv.2b-8)
 2. He preached about Joseph (vv.9-16)
 3. He preached about Moses (vv.17-37)
 4. He preached about the law (vv.38-43)
 5. He preached about the temple (vv.44-50)
 - C. The kind of preaching that will get you killed is Bible preaching
 1. Bible preaching is becoming more rare every day
 - a. Paul said to Timothy, “For the time will come when they not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Timothy 4:3-4)
- II. IT HAS PERSONAL APPLICATION (vv.51-53)
 - A. Preaching without application is not preaching at all; it is just an oration or a speech
 1. You resisted the Spirit of God (v.51)
 - a. “Stiffnecked” pictures a person who refuses to bow their head in humility to God
 - b. “Uncircumcised in heart and ears” means they have never been saved
 - c. “Resist” means to oppose or be against the Holy Spirit; believers can grieve the Spirit and quench the Spirit, but only unbelievers can resist the Spirit
 2. You rejected the Son of God (v.52)
 - a. Your fathers rejected the prophets
 - b. You murdered the Just One, the Righteous One
 3. You repudiated the law of God (v.53)
 - a. When Moses descended from the mountain, they were already breaking the second commandment, “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image”
 - B. The kind of preaching that will get you killed is preaching about personal sin