

Acts

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –03/04/24

Lesson 8
Acts 7:1-60

1. Read Acts 7:1-8. What is revealed about God? About Abraham? Do you hear and obey God?
2. Read verses 9-16. What do these verses say about the Patriarchs? What encouragement is found here for Christians facing injustice or trouble?
3. Read the account of Moses in verses 17-43. How was he uniquely qualified to lead his people? How can that be applied to God's servants and those in ministry today?
4. How did the nation of Israel respond to Moses – both in Egypt and in the desert?
5. What were the Israelites doing while Moses was receiving the law they claimed to uphold? According to verse 42-43, why were they sent into exile in Babylon?
6. What was Stephen's point in recounting Israel's history? Who had been guilty of blasphemy against God? Have we been like them?
7. Read verses 44-50 along with Jeremiah 7:1-11 and 1 Cor. 3:16-17. How had Israel elevated the temple to a degree never intended by God, while at the same time their worship of God had deteriorated? Where does God dwell on earth today?
8. What was Stephen's final charge against them in verse 51-53? What was their response?
9. What did God do for Stephen? What was Stephen's response to those who stoned him?
10. From a human perspective Stephen's death appears tragic. How do you think God saw it? Stephen saw it? Christians should see it? How should we see events of our own lives?