

## STEPHEN'S SERMON – RESISTING THE HOLY SPIRIT – PART 3 - ACTS 7:30-43

### OBSERVATION

### INTERPRETATION

### APPLICATION

Monday 7:30pm, H 105 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell #714 425 9221; email – [ptwente@gmail.com](mailto:ptwente@gmail.com) For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column. References include commentaries by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking, John Stott, Vernon McGee, Warren Wiersbe and others.

### THE PLAN OF GOD TO DELIVER ISRAEL FROM EGYPT – Acts 7:30- 34

Act 7:30 "And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. Act 7:31 When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him,

Act 7:32 saying, 'I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS—THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.' And Moses trembled and dared not look.

Act 7:33 'Then the LORD said to him, "TAKE YOUR SANDALS OFF YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS HOLY GROUND.

### “RESISTING THE HOLY SPIRIT – Part 3” - Acts 7:30-43

1. THE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM – Acts 7:1-8
2. THE PLOT AGAINST JOSEPH – Acts 7:9-16
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vs. 30-32a “And when forty years had passed, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai. [31] When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him, [32a] saying, ‘I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHERS—THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB.’ - - God’s revelation to Moses – God set Moses aside for 40 years to have Moses learn to trust God and not himself. Are you ready to serve the Lord? To go off half-cocked in our flesh to do things our way? We need to learn deep issues of commitment in our own heart. God often sets us aside-often through great difficulties-- to teach, to form and to develop us to do what He has in store for us. Moses needed further preparation by God and His Spirit to be prepared to deliver the nation, Israel.

v. 32b “And Moses trembled and dared not look. - The response of Moses – to seeing God the Son? Do you have a reverential fear of Jesus- or it more of “chummy” relationship?

v. 33 “TAKE YOUR SANDALS OFF YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS HOLY GROUND. - His requirement – “holy ground” – cf. - Exodus 3:1-10- “Take the sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground;: Gen. 16:7; Joshua 5:13-15-“fell on his face to the earth and worshipped” Do you think this requirement of God applies to us? Why does God tell us that before He tells us what to do? A sign of respect, honor and total respect!!! Until we recognize who God is, He will not work through us. What would You have me to do?

Humility: An inward conviction, that realization that God did it and that I did not deserve it. We’re reminded here by Stephen that they resisted the Holy Spirit by trying to do things their way!

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#### (Today’s Study):

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To Moses: “the angel of the Lord Ex. 3:2” -“...[4] and the LORD saw...God called...[6] ....”I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob..[14]...God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”....I AM has sent me to you”

To Hagar Gen. 16:7-12: “the angel of the Lord

Gen 22:11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” So he said, “Here I am.”

Num 22:23 Now the donkey saw the Angel of the LORD ....So Balaam struck the donkey.....

Jdg 2:1 Then the Angel of the LORD ...break My covenant with you. (Joshua)

Jdg 5:23 'Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the LORD, .....Deborah/Barak..'

Jdg 6:11 ...his son Gideon threshed wheat Jdg 13:13 So the Angel of the LORD said to

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**Act 7:34 I HAVE SURELY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE IN EGYPT; I HAVE HEARD THEIR GROANING AND HAVE COME DOWN TO DELIVER THEM. AND NOW COME, I WILL SEND YOU TO EGYPT."**

### **THE PROBLEMS IN THE WILDERNESS – Acts 7:35-43**

**Act 7:35 "This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush.**

**Act 7:36 He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.**

**Act 7:37 "This is that Moses who said to the children of Israel, 'THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN. HIM YOU SHALL HEAR.'**

### INTERPRETATION

**v. 34 "I HAVE SURELY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE IN EGYPT; I HAVE HEARD THEIR GROANING AND HAVE COME DOWN TO DELIVER THEM. AND NOW COME, I WILL SEND YOU TO EGYPT."** –  
**The four things –I have...seen...heard...come down to deliver... I will send the deliver that God promises that He will do!! An inward trust of the knowledge of God! His presence-He will never leave us or forsake us! Who does God say will deliver the people?**

**The RETURN of Moses to Egypt – How did Moses respond? – Notice his excuses: Exodus 3:11, 13; 4:1, 10, 13 Here we get the name of God!!!**

### **6. THE PROBLEMS IN THE WILDERNESS – Acts 7:35-43**

**v. 35 "This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE?' is the one God sent -- Their REACTION to Moses shows that they did not believe God's promise about a deliverer - It was the Lord Jesus Christ who was leading and going before Moses.**

### APPLICATION

**2Sa 24:16** And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it,...**David**  
**2Ki 1:3** But the angel of the LORD said to **Elijah** the Tishbite,  
**2Ki 19:35** ..**Hezekiah**  
**1Ch 21:12** ... the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel. **David**  
**Zec 1:11** So they answered the Angel of the LORD, ...  
**Zechariah**  
**Zec 3:6** Then the Angel of the LORD admonished **Joshua**,  
**Mat 1:24** Then **Joseph**, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded....

**Here Moses responses give us a classic example of resisting the Holy Spirit!**

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*Act 7:38 "This is he who was in the congregation in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, the one who received the living oracles to give to us,*

*Act 7:39 whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt,*

*Act 7:40 saying to Aaron, 'MAKE US GODS TO GO BEFORE US; AS FOR THIS MOSES WHO BROUGHT US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIM.'*

*Act 7:41 And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.*

*Act 7:42 Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: 'DID YOU OFFER ME SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS AND SACRIFICES DURING FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?*

*Act 7:43 YOU ALSO TOOK UP THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH, AND THE STAR OF YOUR GOD REMPHAN, IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP;*

*AND I WILL CARRY YOU AWAY BEYOND BABYLON.'*

*v. 39 "whom our fathers would not obey, but rejected. And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt," - Their RESISTANCE to Moses shows that the problem was in their hearts – Idolatry and worldliness – cf - Hebrews 3:7-19*

*v. 41 "rejoiced" - Involved in immorality as well as idolatry. Is there rejection of the Lord not a clear case?*

*vs. 42-43a "Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: 'DID YOU OFFER ME SLAUGHTERED ANIMALS AND SACRIFICES DURING FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL? [43] YOU ALSO TOOK UP THE TABERNACLE OF vs. 30-32a "MOLOCH, AND THE STAR OF YOUR GOD REMPHAN, IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP: -- The REJECTION of the Lord shows that their worship of God was not sincere –*

*v. 43 "AND I WILL CARRY YOU AWAY BEYOND BABYLON." The RESULT shows the danger of resisting the Holy Spirit" –*

**It's so dangerous to resist the Holy Spirit! We drift right into idolatry and**

**"Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, -- Is their rejection of the Lord a clear case that their worship was not sincere, but hypocritical?**

**The Exodus was around 1446 B.C. the fall of Israel to Babylon occurred in 586 B.C.**

**How sincere is your worship?**  
**How much do you resist the Holy Spirit?**

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		<p><b><u>Questions:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is the distance between the locations of the burning bush and the giving of the Mosaic Law?</li><li>2. What was the main reason that God kept Moses on the back side of the desert for forty years?</li><li>3. How long did it take you, or would it take for you to learn that you can't do the things of the Lord in your own strength, but must totally rely on Him?</li><li>4. When God is going through tough times to prepare you, how quickly and how often do you see what He is doing? Do you ever look back and see God's plan and rejoice?</li><li>5. What does today's study say to prove that Moses wasn't ready to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt.</li><li>6. How would prepare a man to do one of the greatest things in the world?</li><li>7. Do you have a reverential fear of Jesus?- or it more of "chummy" relationship? What is your response? Do you bring Him down to your level?</li><li>8. When you pray or read His word do you ever <b><u>"TAKE YOUR SANDALS OFF YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE WHERE YOU STAND IS HOLY GROUND"</u></b>? Do you think this requirement of God applies to us? Why does God tell us that before He tells us what to do? A sign of respect, honor and total respect!!! Until we recognize who God is, He will not work through us. What would You have me to do?</li><li>9. Who does God say will deliver the people from bondage?</li><li>10. What was one great benefit we received from Moses' excuses and questions to God?</li><li>11. Where was the problem with the children of Israel with respect to their rejecting Moses – v. 39</li><li>12. What was the result to the children of Israel to their resisting the Holy Spirit as given in verse 43b? About how many years later did that occur? (460 years, 860 years, 1260 years)</li></ol>
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