

## CHAPTER 6

**A**ND in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5 ¶ And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

6 Whom they set before the

apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8. And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

9 ¶ Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen.

10 And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

11 Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God.

12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to the council,

13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us.

15 And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

## CHAPTER 7

**T**HEN said the high priest, Are these things so?

2 And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

3 And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

4 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Charran: and from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

5 And he gave him none inheri-

tance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

6 And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so *Abraham* begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac *begat* Jacob; and Jacob *begat* the twelve patriarchs.

9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt: but God was with him,

10 And delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

12 But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent out our fathers first.

13 And at the second *time* Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's kindred was made known unto Pharaoh.

14 Then sent Joseph, and called his father Jacob to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

15 So Jacob went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our fathers,

16 And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father* of Sychem.

17. But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt,

18 Till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.

19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

20 In which time Moses was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

21 And when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

22 And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds.

23 And when he was full forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel.

24 And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the Egyptian:

25 For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

29 Then fled Moses at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

30. And when forty years were

expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

31 When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

32 *Saying*, I *am* the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

36 He brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

37 ¶ This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,

40 *Saying* unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for *as for* this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42. Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?

43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, figures which ye

made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with Jesus into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

46 Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

47 But Solomon built him an house.

48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven *is* my throne, and earth *is* my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what *is* the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

51 ¶ Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye.

52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and

they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:

53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept *it*.

54 ¶ When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

58 And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

In chapter 6 we read of a new problem within the assembly. In chapter 5 it was deceit in the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira; while here it is complaining among the ranks of the believers. Chapter 7 contains the longest single speech in the Book of Acts, and perhaps the most important. This chapter is the turning point in Israel's history, for it records their third murder, and their final rejection of the Kingdom. In his address before the council, Stephen reviews the history of Israel and points out that the nation has always rejected God's chosen leaders when they first appeared, but received them the second time. Both Moses and Joseph were rejected by their brethren the first time, but were accepted the second. This is the very way Israel treated Christ. He was presented to them on earth by John the Baptist and the apostles, but they refused Him. Israel will receive Christ when He appears the second time.

### PROVERB FOR TODAY

"There shall no evil happen to the just: but the wicked shall be filled with mischief" (Proverbs 12:21).

### TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

**ASSIGNMENT 37:** For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

### BIRTHDAYS TODAY

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### ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**354 A.D.**

#### **THE BIRTHDAY OF AUGUSTINE.**

Some have said that he is church history's most famous personality between Paul and Martin Luther. He was a theologian, defender of the faith, preacher, and writer. He especially wrote against the cults of his day. He is unusual in history in that both Protestants and Catholics respect him.

The favorite Scripture of St. Augustine was Romans 13:13,14, "Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." Our Lord is talking in these verses about the way we ought to walk as Christians. He is comparing the Christian life, I think, to our clothing. We get up in the morning and put on

what we are to wear for the day. The apostle is telling the church at Rome to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we are not to put on rioting, drunkenness, chambering, wantonness, strife and envying, but rather our spiritual garments for the day are to be honesty, love, gentleness, and indeed, the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us put on Jesus and wear Him every day.

**1836**

#### **CHARLES SIMEON DIED AT READING, ENGLAND.**

He was a Church of England clergyman who became the center of evangelical influence at Cambridge. He was a great Bible student and man of prayer. He was a friend of the British and Foreign Bible Society. About him it was said, "He sought to humble the sinner, exalt the Saviour, and promote holiness."

**1879**

#### **THE BIRTHDAY OF HERB BUFFUM.**

Buffum wrote more than 10,000 songs including "When I Take My Vacation in Heaven," "My Sheep Know My Voice," "He Abides," "He Keeps on Loving Us Still," etc. One of my favorites is "I'm Going Higher Some Day." We are listing the words below so that you can join us in singing it today.

##### ***I'M GOING HIGHER SOME DAY***

*Often I've watched the clouds up in the sky,  
Always I've heard they were many miles high;  
Then as they sailed out of sight far away,  
I said, "I'm going far higher some day."*

*Men sail the ocean, or soar through the air;  
Scarce can the natural eye see them up there;  
Some seek for fame which so soon will decay,  
I'm going higher, yes, higher some day.*

*Moses went up in a mountain and prayed,  
Glory came down while alone there he stayed;  
But he came back, he just went there to pray;  
I'm going higher, yes, higher some day.*

*Often my soul has been lifted above,  
Lost in the ocean of God's mighty love;  
Though I am higher than once, still I say,  
I'm going higher, yes, higher some day.*

*Soon will the Saviour appear, bless His name!  
Some day this earth will be all wrapped in flame;  
Then as I see the fire mounting so high,  
I'm going higher, beyond the blue sky.*

**Chorus:**

*I'm going higher, yes, higher some day,  
I'm going higher to stay;  
Over the clouds and beyond the blue sky,  
Going where none ever sicken or die,  
Loved ones to meet in the "Sweet by and by,"  
I'm going higher some day.*

**1850**

**THE BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON, THE AUTHOR, CHILDREN'S WRITER, AND POET.**

It is said that Robert Louis Stephenson was a professing Christian. Let us thank God today for those who left us fine poetry.

**ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1839**

Liberty party, the first antislavery political party, organized at Warsaw, New York. Samuel Ringgold Ward and Henry Highland Garnet were among the earliest

supporters of the new political departure.

**1915**

Death of Booker T. Washington (59) educator and organizer, in Tuskegee, Alabama.

**1922**

Black Renaissance began in Harlem, N.Y.

**1951**

Janet Collins, ballerina, first black dancer to appear with the Metropolitan Opera Company (in Verdi's *Aida*.)

**1956**

Supreme Court upheld lower court decision which banned segregation on city buses in Montgomery, Alabama. Federal injunctions prohibiting segregation on the buses were served on city, state and bus company officials, December 20. At two mass meetings Montgomery blacks called off year-long bus boycott. Buses were integrated on December 21.

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# Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

**MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:**

**EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:**

**Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.**

**D. THE ERROR OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO HEAVEN**

(Assignment 37)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

(        ) Proverbs 12:15

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.

(        ) Proverbs 14:12

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

(        ) Proverbs 30:12

There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

(        ) Matthew 7:13

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

(        ) Matthew 7:14

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.