



Acts 7:44-8:1a Stephen (Part 3) Speaker: Jeff Thompson

Points from Stephen's Speech:

- When God commissioned a dwelling for His presence, He specified _____.

...You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will have no end." - Luke 1:31-33

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? For everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your own hand... LORD our God, all this wealth that we've provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand; everything belongs to you. - 1 Chronicles 29:14, 16

But will God indeed live on earth? Even heaven, the highest heaven, cannot contain you, much less this temple I have built. - 1 Kings 8:27

- By limiting God's presence and power to the Temple, the Sanhedrin were _____ by making the Temple _____ than God.

This is the LORD's declaration. I will look favorably on this kind of person: one who is humble, submissive (or "broken") in spirit, and trembles at my word. - Isaiah 66:2b

The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God. - Psalm 51:17

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. - Matthew 5:3

...you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit. - Ephesians 2:19-22

V.51 marks the dividing line between Christianity and all other belief systems – Jesus is _____ and the only way to be _____ from one's sins.

Who can I speak to and give such a warning that they will listen? Look, their ear is uncircumcised, so they cannot pay attention. See, the word of the LORD has become contemptible to them - they find no pleasure in it. - Jeremiah 6:10

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her. - Matthew 23:37

See Luke 11:37-51.

'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we wouldn't have taken part with them in shedding the prophets' blood.' - Matthew 23:30 (the religious leaders)

You pore over the Scriptures because you think you have eternal life in them, and yet they testify about me. - John 5:39

...if you believed Moses, you would believe me, because he wrote about me. - John 5:46

...let all the house of Israel know with certainty that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." When they heard this, they were pierced to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call." - Acts 2:36-39

This is the judgment: The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. For everyone who does evil hates the light and avoids it, so that his deeds may not be exposed. - John 3:19-20

If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. - 1 Peter 4:14

..."My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is perfected in weakness." ...So I take pleasure in weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For when I am weak, then I am strong. - 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Psalm 110:1; Ephesians 1:20; Hebrews 1:3, 8:1 speak of Jesus being raised by the Father and seated at His right hand.

Isaiah 2:19, 21; Isaiah 3:13; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 5:6 speak of Jesus rising/standing to judge the earth in the future.

"I tell you, in the future you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? See, now you've heard the blasphemy. What is your decision?" They answered, "He deserves death!" - Matthew 26:64-66 (Jesus at His trial before the Sanhedrin)

"Father, into your hands I entrust my spirit."
- Luke 23:46 (Jesus on the Cross, quoting Psalm 31:5)

...we would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. - 2 Corinthians 5:8

...I long to depart and be with Christ... - Philippians 1:23

"Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing." - Luke 23:34 (Jesus on the Cross)

The Father, in fact, judges no one but has given all judgment to the Son, so that all people may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. - John 5:22-23

The Spirit of God enveloped Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood above the people and said to them, "This is what God says, 'Why are you transgressing the LORD's commands so that you do not prosper? Because you have abandoned the LORD, he has abandoned you.'" But they conspired against him and stoned him at the king's command in the courtyard of the LORD's temple. King Joash didn't remember the kindness that Zechariah's father Jehoiada had extended to him, but killed his son. While he was dying, he said, "May the LORD see and demand an account." - 2 Chronicles 24:20-22

...God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. - Romans 5:5

"If the world hates you, understand that it hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. However, because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of it, the world hates you. Remember the word I spoke to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. - John 15:18-20

..."If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it. For what does it benefit someone if he gains the whole world, and yet loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and that of the Father and the holy angels. - Luke 9:23-26

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. - Romans 14:8