

“Quenchers of Spiritual Passion?”

Acts 7:1-53

- Man can not and will not seek God without God seeking first – Romans 3:10-12

Intro:

It is reduced by:

I. **Losing Sight of the Grace of God**

Verses 1-8

Different Kinds of Grace:

1. General or Common Grace – every day blessing – friends, family, health, safety, economics, USA
2. Efficacious or Saving Grace – God’s Riches at Christ’s Expense
3. Serving Grace – the **D**esire and **P**ower to do God’s Will

A. Grace before and without works -

- Genesis 12:1 – Abraham received the promise before any **W**ork or initiative

on

his part

B. Faith required for Imputation – Genesis 15:6

- Abraham declared Righteous, Imputed by Faith without Circumcision or works which took place in Gen. 17

C. God seeks Man -

- He is the One who is the Pursuer in this Relationship – look at the language of v. 1-8 **SEEKERS** – The **F**ather – John 4:23 –

Seeks Worshipers

The **S**on – Luke 19:10 –

The **L**ost

It is disrupted by:

II. **Losing Appreciation of the Sovereignty of God**

Verses 9-36

Which:

A. Despite Others Wrong Doing

- Genesis 37 – Joseph’s Haughty attitude or lack of Tact
- - His Brothers brutality, jealousy, sinfulness

B. Delivers Through Unlikely Sources

- Genesis 45:5 – Who delivered Israel from famine? God – Joseph – His Brothers
- Romans 8:28 – God Works All Things
- Remember God is working even in the dark times – I Peter 2:20
+++ Remember Moses and Egypt – times can be really tough, but God is working still!

It is carelessly distracted by :

III. **Losing Perspective of the Jealousy of God**

Verses 37-43

- Jealousy – Not Wanting to be Replaced or for someone else to take your rightful place

The fact that Jealousy:

A. It is Integral to Who God Is

Exodus 20:2-7 – God will not Share You with

- Moloch – (Sun) – children of Ammon

- Remphem – (Moon) - ? the Stars -
- B. It is Dynamic to Our Relationship

IV. **Losing Reverence for the Holiness of God**

- A. It is Illustrated in the Tabernacle
- B. It is Related to Our Service
- C. It is Reflected in Our Behavior

V. **Losing Sensitivity to the Message of God**

Because we are:

- A. Full of Pride and Stubborn
- B. Lacking Love and Allegiance
- C. Inattentive and Disobedient

By not taking special Care to acknowledge God's

Grace

Reign / Sovereignty

Aversion / Jealousy

Cleanness / Holiness

Edicts / Message / Emphasis /