Acts of the Apostles

Second Arrest, Trial, Release (Acts 5:12-42)

Introduction (5:12-16)

 -Signs and Wonders (v. 12a); Unity (v. 12b); Fear and Favor of those Outside (v. 13); Numerical

 Growth (v. 14)

I. Arrest (vs. 17-26)

II. Trial (vs. 27-32)

 -Repentance is both a human responsibility and a divine gift (Acts 2:38; 5:31; 2 Tim. 2:25)

 -The HS is a Person; obedience is the fruit of receiving the HS (v. 32)

III. Deliberation (vs. 33-39)

IV. Release (vs. 40-42)

 -Flogging: 39 lashes (Deut. 25:2, 3; 2 Cor. 11:24)

Practical Lessons

1) If we must choose between the two, obedience to God trumps obedience to all forms of human authority.

2) God is free to work outside of and apart from our understanding of His will [Samson (Judges 14); Rehoboam

 (1 Kings 12); Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:2; 15:36f)]

3) Suffering for the name of Jesus is among the best of reasons to rejoice.

4) Firm obedience to God is a fruit of the indwelling Holy Spirit.