**The Sovereignty of God in Suffering**

Acts 6:8-8:3

**The Suffering**

(Acts 6:9-7:60)

**John 15:20**

Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. . .

**2 Timothy 3:12**

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

*Level 1 suffering: Disputes about the Bible* (6:9-10)

*Level 2 suffering: Public false accusation* (6:8-7:1)

*Level 3 suffering: Rejection of confrontation of sin* (7:2-53)

* Abraham obeyed God (vs. 2-8)

* Jacob and Joseph obeyed God (vs. 9-16)
* Moses obeyed God but was rejected (vs. 17-44)
* Joshua, David, & Solomon obeyed God(vs. 45-50)
* Jewish leaders do not obey God (vs. 51-53)

“stiff-necked”

(Exod 32:9; 33:3, 5; 34:9; Deut 9:6, 13)

“uncircumcised in heart and ears”

(Lev 26:41; Jer 4:4; 6:10; 9:26; Ezek 44:7,9)

“resist the Holy Spirit”

(Isa 63:10)

*Level 4 suffering: Physical assault* (7:54-60)

**The Sovereignty of God**

(Acts 8:1-3)

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