

Self-Examination Questions:

Acts 5:17-42
10/26/25 Sermon Notes

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How is God preparing me to be ready and overcome the difficulties of the last days?

See also: **Luke 21:10-19**

Acts 5:17-18

Lesson 1: God is preparing you for the last days when His power within you causes evil forces around you to panic and retaliate.

1 Peter 5:8 (LSB)

Be of sober spirit, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 John 5:19 (LSB)

We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Acts 5:19-25

Lesson 2: God is preparing you for the last days when you find yourself standing, despite everything that should have knocked you down.

Psalms 118:24 (LSB)

This is the day which Yahweh has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Luke 10:19 (LSB)

“Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.

Lesson 3: God is preparing you for the last days if you can speak life, while others speak death.

Proverbs 18:21 (LSB)

Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.

James 3:2 (LSB)

For we all stumble in many ways. If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the entire body as well.

Acts 5:26-32

Lesson 4: God is preparing you for the last days when pleasing God is becoming your first priority.

Isaiah 61:1 (LSB)

The Spirit of Lord Yahweh is upon me
Because Yahweh has anointed me
To bring good news to the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim release to captives
And freedom to prisoners,

Acts 5:33-39

Lesson 5: God is preparing you for the last days when your actions promote sound reason amid a scarcity of logic.

Matthew 5:16 (LSB)

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Acts 5:40-42

Lesson 6: God is preparing you for the last days when you are able to rejoice despite challenges and difficulties.

Romans 5:3–5 (LSB)

³ And not only this, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction brings about perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵ and hope does not put to shame, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

James 1:2–4 (LSB)

² Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith brings about perseverance. ⁴ And let perseverance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.