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AND THEY CHOSE STEPHEN

It's amazing to me, that a man like Stephen, can be Chosen by those who know him best, and hated by those who know him least? Let us look in the book of Acts 6:5 "And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and **the Holy Spirit**,... Stephen was appointed, along with 6 other disciples, to the distribution of daily bread to Hellenist Widows. Who could ever hate a man who waits on the tables of Widows?

Oh, they didn't hate him for the food distribution Service, **they hated him for the Mighty Word of God in his mouth!**

Have You ever shared the Word of God, in Love, only to sense the hatred against your person for the sake of it? Have you later wondered "Why? What evil did I do to these people in telling them of Christ the Savior?" - did they make up some **little pointed lie dart** to pierce you through with? Do you remember what **Master** said? Matthew 7:6: **"Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your**

pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces." Therefore be Wise, and discerning of the person you wish to share Christ with, and make certain they are willing to hear The Word of God before you open your Book of Pearls!



Now we continue our story:

⁷Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. —NKJV.

⁸And Stephen, full of [£]faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. ¹⁰And they were

not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. ¹¹Then they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." ¹²And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council. ¹³They also set up false witnesses who said, "This man does not cease to speak [£]blasphemous words against this holy place and the law; ¹⁴for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us." ¹⁵And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel. Then after powerfully preaching the Word to them: Acts 7:59 "And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."