

A MODEL SERMON Acts 7:1-60.

1. It was courteous and respectful. "Men, brethren, and Fathers."
2. It was filled with Divine truth. Where will we find a three minute speech with as much Scripture in it?
3. It was logical, pointed, and clear. Not made up of funny incidents. No effort to defend some vague and meaningless theory.
4. It was brief. All recorded addresses of the Bible are brief.
5. It was unsparing in its denunciation of sin. Acts 7:51-53.

NOTE SOME OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE SERMON

1. It probed the hearts of men. God's word became as a mirror, reflecting the secrets of their hearts. James 1:22-25.  
*verse 54*
2. The witness died but his testimony lived on. NOTE: God's workers are incidental, *2 Cor. 5:10* they pass away; but God's work is eternal. Rev. 14:13; 2 Thess. 1:7-10.
3. His sermon precipitated the issue about Christ. NOTE: Men had to decide for-against. This was the day of the outburst of persecution that drove Christian out of Jerusalem to be scattered throughout the world.

1. It was a witness and a revelation. "The  
preacher, and father."

2. It was filled with living truth. Where will  
we find a finer spirit's speech with an  
equal authority in it?

3. It was logical, pointed, and clear. Not  
made up of funny incidents. No effort to  
belong some vague and meaningless theory.

4. It was brief. All recorded addresses of  
the Bible are brief.

5. It was inspiring in its denunciation of sin.  
See Acts 7:1-23.

THE BIBLE IN THE MIND

1. It reached the hearts of men. God's word  
is a mirror, reflecting the re-  
sults of their hearts. James 1:22-25.

2. The witness did not his testimony lived  
on. God's word is individual,  
they pass away; but God's word  
is eternal. Rev. 19:13; 2 Thess. 1:7-10.

3. The sermon grasped the human situation.  
The man had to be a man for a man.  
That was the day of the outbreak of per-  
sonal love. It was a man out of a  
man to be a man in a man's world.