

SEVERE PERSECUTIONS

ACTS CHAPTER 3:

1. The impotent man healed. Healed by the power of God. Acts 3:11,12.
2. He could not heal himself.
 1. Many home remedies tried no doubt.
3. The sinner today cannot save himself.
 1. No home remedies for the removal of sin.
 2. Human efforts to remove the paralyzing corruption of sin are vanity.
4. CHRIST ALONE CAN SAVE:
 1. We need to turn away from the material and echo the sentiment of many years ago: "Sir, we would see Jesus." John 12:21.

PETER'S FAITHFUL PREACHING:

1. It grieved the religious leaders. Acts 4:2.
2. Thousands obeyed and rejoiced.
3. Others rebelled: the infant church entered upon a period of persecu-
tion

JESUS WARNED OF IMPENDING DANGER:

1. If they have persecuted me... John 15:20.
2. They shall put you out... John 16:2.

3. JESUS PROMISED:

1. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you... Matt. 5:11.

PERSECUTIONS AT HAND:

1. Peter and John imprisoned. Acts 4:3
2. All the apostles imprisoned. Acts 5:18
3. A great persecution against church. Acts 8:1
4. James slain with sword. Acts 12:2.
5. Peter imprisoned third time. Acts 12:3,4.

SALVATION FROM SIN:

1. In whatever direction Israel looked save one there was heartbreak. Exodus 14:10-16
2. A man must know the truth before he can be freed from sin. John 8:30-32

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