

Acts 15:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

Analysis

The apostles and elders assembled to 'consider this matter' (Greek 'eidon' - to see, examine). This formal council demonstrates the early church's commitment to resolving doctrinal disputes through careful theological reflection, Scripture study, and Spirit-led consensus. The gravity of the assembly shows they recognized this as a defining moment for Christianity's future.

Historical Context

This Jerusalem Council (AD 49) was the first church council in Christian history. It established precedent for addressing theological controversies through representative assemblies of church leadership.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How should churches today handle doctrinal controversies and disputes?
2. What role do councils and assemblies play in maintaining theological unity?

3. How can we balance individual conscience with corporate church decision-making?

Interlinear Text

Συνήχθησαν	δὲ	οἱ	ἀπόστολοι	καὶ	οἱ	πρεσβύτεροι
came together	And	G3588	the apostles	and	G3588	elders
G4863	G1161		G652	G2532		G4245
ἰδεῖν	περὶ	τοῦ	λόγου	τούτου		
for to consider	of	G3588	matter	this		
G1492	G4012		G3056	G5127		

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 15:22 (Parallel theme): Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

Hebrews 13:7 (Parallel theme): Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Hebrews 13:17 (Parallel theme): Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Acts 15:25 (Parallel theme): It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul,