

Acts 6:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

Analysis

'They were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake' - Stephen's arguments were irrefutable. Divine wisdom through the Spirit exceeded human wisdom. Unable to defeat his logic, they resorted to legal manipulation.

Historical Context

Stephen's Hellenistic background enabled effective engagement with fellow Greek-speaking Jews. His Spirit-empowered wisdom echoed Jesus' promise (Luke 21:15).

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does Spirit-empowered wisdom differ from merely human cleverness?
2. What does the opponents' inability to answer teach about truth's power?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	οὐκ	ἴσχυον	ἀντιστῆναι	τῇ	σοφίᾳ	καὶ	τῷ
And	not	able	to resist	G3588	the wisdom	And	G3588
G2532	G3756	G2480	G436		G4678	G2532	
πνεύματι	ῷ	ἐλάλει					
the spirit	by which	he spoke					
G4151	G3739	G2980					

Additional Cross-References

Luke 21:15 (Parallel theme): For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

1 Corinthians 2:4 (Spirit): And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

John 7:46 (Parallel theme): The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.

Job 32:8 (Spirit): But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Luke 1:17 (Spirit): And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Acts 7:51 (Spirit): Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Exodus 4:12 (Parallel theme): Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.