

Acts 7:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he supposed his brethren would have understood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

Analysis

Stephen highlights Moses' mistaken assumption that Israel would recognize God's deliverance through him. This mirrors Israel's later rejection of Christ - God's ultimate Deliverer whom they failed to recognize (John 1:11). The Reformed perspective sees God's electing grace working despite human blindness; Moses' brethren could not perceive what God had not yet revealed. Recognition of God's messengers depends on God opening eyes, not human perception alone.

Historical Context

This rejection began Moses' forty years as a shepherd in Midian, a period of humbling that prepared him for servant leadership. God often uses rejection and exile to refine those He calls to great service.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. Why does God often allow His chosen deliverers to experience rejection before vindication?
2. How does Israel's failure to recognize Moses prefigure their rejection of Christ?
3. What does this teach about the necessity of divine illumination for spiritual recognition?

Interlinear Text

ἐνόμιζεν δὲ συνῆκαν τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτοῖς· ὅτι ὁ
he supposed **For** **they understood** G3588 **brethren** **his** **how** G3588
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θεὸς διὰ χειρὸς αὐτοῖς· δίδωσιν αὐτοῖς· σωτηρίαν
that God **by** **hand** **his** **would deliver** **his** G4991
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οἱ δὲ οὐ συνῆκαν
G3588 **For** **not** **they understood**
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