

Acts 7:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?

Analysis

Moses attempted reconciliation between fighting Hebrews, addressing them as 'brethren' - emphasizing their covenant relationship that should produce unity. Yet even this peacemaking effort was rejected. The Greek word synellasen (appeared to them) suggests Moses' visible presence as mediator, foreshadowing Christ's mediatorial role. Reformed theology sees here the tragedy of a divided people who should be one in covenant bonds, requiring a greater Moses to truly reconcile God's people.

Historical Context

Hebrew slavery in Egypt created internal conflicts as oppression often turns victims against each other rather than uniting them against oppressors. Moses' intervention anticipated his future role as lawgiver and judge over Israel.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Moses' call for reconciliation among 'brethren' apply to divisions within the church today?
2. Why is Christ the only Mediator who can truly reconcile those in covenant relationship?
3. What are the spiritual dangers of internal strife among God's covenant people?

Interlinear Text

τῇ	τε	ἐπιούσῃ	ἡμέρᾳ	ώφθη	αὐτοὺς	μαχομένοις
G3588	And	the next	day	he shewed himself	them	as they strove
	G5037	G1966	G2250	G3700	G846	G3164
καὶ	συνήλασεν	αὐτοὺς	εἰς	εἰρήνην	εἰπών	Ἄνδρες
and	would have set	them	at	one again	saying	Sirs
G2532	G4900	G846	G1519	G1515	G2036	G435
ἀδελφοί	ἐστε·	ὑμεῖς·	ἰνατί	ἀδικεῖτε	ἀλλήλους	
brethren	are	ye	why	do ye wrong	one to another	
G80	G2075	G5210	G2444	G91	G240	

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