

Acts 7:50

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Hath not my hand made all these things?

Analysis

The concluding question 'hath not my hand made all these things?' asserts God's sovereignty as Creator of all. Since God created everything, nothing we build or offer adds to His glory - all belongs to Him already. This dismantles human pride and establishes the foundation for grace: if God made everything, our righteousness is filthy rags and salvation must be entirely His work. The Reformed doctrine of *sola gratia* (grace alone) rests on this truth - we contribute nothing to our salvation because we possess nothing God has not first given.

Historical Context

This echoes the creation account in Genesis and God's question to Job (38-41). Stephen's use of Isaiah shows continuity of prophetic witness against empty ritualism divorced from heart reality across Israel's history.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. If God made everything, what can we possibly offer Him that is our own?

2. How does God's creative sovereignty establish the foundation for salvation by grace alone?
3. In what ways do we subtly try to bring God something we think He needs?

Interlinear Text

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| οὐχὶ | ἢ | χείρ | μου | ἐποίησεν | ταῦτα | πάντα |
| not | G3588 | hand | my | Hath | these things | all |
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Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 32:17 (Creation): Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for thee:

Acts 14:15 (Creation): And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

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