

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 7 17-34



Who is like the Lord our God, that has his throne so high,
yet humbles himself to behold the things of heaven and earth?
Psalm 113:5

Praising:

Ye servants of God, your master
proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful
name:
the name all-victorious of Jesus
extol;
his kingdom is glorious, and rules
over all.

Reading:

Acts 7:17-34
Look at Moses

According to the Jewish
historians, there was an incident
in Moses' younger life when his
mother successfully persuaded
Pharaoh to make Moses his
successor. Part of the legend was
that Pharaoh had at one moment
playfully rested his crown on the
young Moses' head. Moses
reaction, it seems, was to lift the
crown off and throw it to the

ground. Aside from this unofficial
story, there is no doubting that
Moses occupied a position of
power and authority in Egypt.
Essentially, Stephen is repeating
his point that greatness is not
measured by status, but by the
readiness to leave status behind,
if that is what God call us to do.
For Stephen, responding to the
God who raised Christ from the
dead, means letting go of the
past. Its comforts and
reassurances are ultimately
empty.

Listening:

Praying:

We praise you Lord for
continuing to call men and
women of stature to your service

- those with money, property
and the other signs of material
achievement
- those with worldly authority,
political power and the reach
that comes with influence
- those with networks, contacts
and the connections that go
with position

Father: when I think of what I
have striven to attain in my life,
help me to see it for what it is, to
sit lightly to it, to resist its power
to control me, and to be ready to
walk away from it. Amen

Doing:

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