

God's Sovereign Protection

Acts 23:12-35

(series #89)

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Concluding application: God is in control and He cares
- I Peter 5:17