

## **Judgment at the House of the Lord: Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:1–11)**

### **I. The deception of Ananias and Sapphira (5:1–2)**

- a. Ananias sells a piece of property (5:1)
- b. Ananias retains part of the proceeds (5:2a–b)
- c. Ananias takes part of the proceeds to the apostles (5:2c–d)

### **II. Peter's confrontation with Ananias (5:3–6)**

- a. The questioning of Ananias by Peter (5:3–4)
  - (a) *Q 1: Why did Satan fill your heart? (5:3a–c)*
  - (b) *Q 2: Why did you lie to the Holy Spirit? (5:3d)*
  - (c) *Q 3: Why did you keep back part of the proceeds? (5:3e)*
  - (d) *Q 4: Why did you not see that you had right of ownership? (5:4a–b)*
  - (e) *Q 5: Why did you not exercise control over the proceeds? (5:4c–d)*
  - (f) *Q 6: Why did you decide to do such a thing? (5:4e–i)*
- b. The reaction of Ananias (5:3–5)
  - Ananias hears Peter's questions & drops dead (5:5a)
- c. The reaction of the others: fear (5:5d–f)
  - People are seized by great fear (5:5f)
- d. The burial of Ananias (5:6)

### **II. Peter's Confrontation with Sapphira (5:8-10)**

- a. Time: 3 hours later (5:7a) Sapphira is ignorant of Ananias's death (5:7c)

The questioning of Sapphira by Peter (5:8–9b)

  - (a) *Q 1: Did you sell the property for this amount? (5:8) Answer: Yes*
  - (b) *Q 2: Why did you conspire to test God's Spirit? (5:9a–b)*
- b. Prophetic announcement of Sapphira's death by Peter (5:9c–d)
  - (a) Disclosure of Ananias's death and burial (5:9c)
  - (b) Prophecy of Sapphira's burial: Sapphira drops dead (5:10)

### **III. The Effect of the Death of Ananias and Sapphira: Great Fear (5:11)**

- a. Great fear seizes the entire community of believers (5:11a)
- b. Great fear seizes other citizens who hear about this (5:11b–c<sup>1</sup>)