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- a. _____ against the witnesses of God.
- b. _____ toward the word of God.
- c. _____ against the Son of God.
- d. _____ of the people of God.

II) Receptive, believing hearts rise up to (v.46-49, 51-52; Isa:42:5-8; 49:1-7):

- a. _____ for the Servant of God.
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- c. _____ in the Son of God.
- d. _____ in the Servant's mission.

Applying God's Word to Life

- 1) What is something you waited a long time for with eager anticipation (Luke 2:25-35)?
- 2) How did you respond when you finally got what you wanted?
- 3) Give yourself a spiritual checkup that examines your heart . . .
 - a. What would an EKG reveal about your heart for the word of God?
 - b. What's your pulse when it comes to passion and praise for Christ?
 - c. How's your blood pressure when you think about being a witness for Christ?
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- a. **Jealousy** against the witnesses of God.
 - b. **Opposition** toward the word of God.
 - c. **Blasphemy** against the Son of God.
 - d. **Persecution** of the people of God.
- II) Receptive, believing hearts rise up to (v.46-49, 51-52; Isa:42:5-8; 49:1-7):
- a. **Witness** for the Servant of God.
 - b. **Rejoice** in the word of God.
 - c. **Belief** in the Son of God.
 - d. **Persevere** in the Servant's mission.

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