

**Series "The Acts Of God"**  
**"Encouragement In The Night"**  
**Acts 23:1-35**  
**Study-43**

**Acts 23:1-11**

**"Only One Son Has God Without Sin But None Without Sorrow!"**

**Job 5:7**

**Acts 21** – Paul Arrested And Almost Murdered At The Temple:

**Acts 22** – Paul's Defense Before the Crowd At The Temple:

**Acts 23** – Paul's Defense Before the Sanhedrin:

**1. Verses 1-11 – Dissension**

**2. Verses 12-35 – Deliverance**

**1. Verses 1-11 – Dissension:**

Acts 23:1

Acts 22:30

Claudius Lysias first mentioned in Acts 21:32

"looking intently" – Literally, "fasten his eyes"

"Brethren," – (Term of Equality)

"conscience" – means "to know with, to know together." Conscience is the inner "judge" or "witness"

Conscience does not make the standards; it only applies the standards of the person, whether they are good or bad, right or wrong.

Acts 23:2

"high priest Ananias" – The name was a common one but this particular High Priest was appointed by Herod in 47 AD and assassinated in 66 AD.

Acts 23:3

"you whitewashed wall!" – "You Bag of Bones"

Matt. 23:27-28

Jesus was treated the same way as Paul, but responded differently! John 18:22-23

1 Peter 2:23

Acts 23:4-5

Ex. 22:28

Acts 23:6

"Sadducees" – name meant "righteous ones" Acts 23:8

"and the other Pharisees," – "separated one's or separated ones"

Liberal (Materialist) Thinking: "If we cannot observe God we must discount Him"

Acts 23:7-8

The Purpose of the meeting was to determine if Paul had committed any crime. Paul pinpoints the true issue, one of doctrine. The Doctrine of the Resurrection, that of a living Savior.

Acts 23:9-11

"Take courage;" – Jesus uses this phrase 5X in the NT. Paralytic, Matt 9:2; to the woman with the hemorrhage, Matt 9:22; the disciples in the storm, Matt 14:27; the upper room, John 16:33; now to Paul in his hour of need.

Philippians 1:12-14

Today, we live by faith, in God's Word. The Bible is where God has spoken and continues to speak.

How do we know God's will? 1 Kings 19:11-12

## **2. Verses 12-35 – Deliverance:**

Acts 23:12-14

Religion gone really bad: Acts 23:3

Acts 23:15-16

It is ordinary people in the darkest of times that God uses, and reveals Himself to.

Acts 23:17-22

The Most Careful Human Plans Cannot Succeed If God Opposes Them:

Acts 23:23-24

Said of Felix, "He exercised the power of a king with the mind of a slave."

Acts 23:25-27

Truth Handled Loosely: "I came upon them with the troops and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman."

Acts 23:28-35

### **Application:**

1. The Safest Place In The World Is When One Is Practicing The Will Of God.
2. We Will Discover God's Will Through Daily Obedience To The Written Word.
3. The Doctrine Of The Resurrection Is The Central Theme Of Christianity And Life.
4. God Has Plans That No One Can Alter Or Stop.
5. The Bible Does Not Teach That Walking With Jesus Is Always Physically Safe, But One Is Spiritually Secure.