

Series "The Acts Of God"
"Paul's Appeal"
Acts 25:1-27
Study-45

Acts 25:1-12

Acts 21-28 – Holy Spirit Records (History) 8 Chapters Dealing With Paul's Arrest and Imprisonment.

Acts 24 – Paul's Defense Before Governor Felix.

Acts 25 – Paul's Defense Before Festus (New Governor), Acts 25:11.

"Times of malicious accusation and mistreatment"; These are opportunities for prayer and trust in God:

1. Verses 1-5 – The Jewish Leaders

2. Verses 6-12 – Paul's Defense

3. Verses 13-27 – Governor And The King

1. Verses 1-5 – The Jewish Leaders:

Acts 25:1

Acts 24:27

Porcius Festus – was the new governor of Judea. Festus became governor in 58 AD; He was 70 years old.

Acts 25:2-3

The Danger of Religious Corruption: If the true God is not worshipped, Religion can be a veneer of hypocrisy for the practice of evil.

Matt. 5:21-22

God's Providence – Acts 23:11; 26:17

Acts 25:4-5

2. Verses 6-12 – Paul's Defense:

Acts 25:6-7

Acts 24:5,6

Falsely Accused – Joseph

Daniel – Daniel 6:23

1 John 5:4

Acts 25:8

Psalm 109:1-4

Acts 25:9

Acts 25:5

The Danger of Compromise.

Acts 25:10-11

“I appeal to Caesar.” – This was an Exclusive Right to a Roman Citizen. It started in 509 B.C. It was used during any phase of a trial. Before and after a verdict had been reached by a lower court.

Acts 9:15

1 Peter 2:21-23

Acts 25:12

3. Verses 13-27 – Governor And The King:

Acts 25:13

King Herod the Great – was his Great-Grandfather; murdered all the male children in Bethlehem. Matt 2:16

Herod Archelaus – ruled Judea after the death of his father. Matthew 2:22

Herod Antipas – Who was brother of Archelaus murdered John the Baptist, Matt 14:10

Herod Agrippa I, King of Galilee, and Perea, was the grandson of Herod the Great and the nephew of Philip and Antipas. Executed James, imprisoned Peter, and was eaten with worms, Acts 12:20-23

Herod Agrippa II (Here) was the son of Herod Agrippa I and the great-grandson of Herod the Great.

Bernice – was his sister, daughter of Herod Agrippa 1

Verses 14-22 – Festus Asks Agrippa's Advice: Acts 25:14-16

Prov. 18:17

Acts 25:17-19

He was declaring and defending the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is the key emphasis of the witness of the Church in the Book of Acts.

Basically 5 Theory's Explaining Away The Resurrection:

1. Theory – Swoon, Jesus Did Not Die:
2. Theory – The Disciples Stole Jesus Body:
3. Theory – Disciples Hallucinated or Had Visions; Explains the Resurrection Appearances of Jesus:
4. Theory – The Disciples Went To The Wrong Tomb:
5. Theory – Post Modern View: We Need To Be Skeptical Of The Biblical Historical Text, We Must Probe, Ask And Even Redefine What is Meant By The Resurrection?

1 Cor. 15:3-6

Acts 26:8

The Church Rests On Two Pillars: The Resurrection of Jesus, and The Conversion of Saul.

Acts 25:20-22

Acts 26:2-3

Acts 25:23

"amid great pomp" – Greek word "Fantasia", we get our word "Fantastic"; means "something light, fleeting or passing, something of momentary interest only."

Acts 12:21-23

Acts 25:24-27

Application:

1. Remember God Is In Control: When Things Don't Seem To Go Right From Human Standpoints, Remember, God Ordained It and His Plan Will Stand.
2. Remember To Cling To The Scriptures: The Bible illuminates The Path and Shows Us Where To Go, And How To Act.
3. Remember Only The Person That Has Renounced Everything That Is Earthly And Temporal Really Gains That Which Is Eternal.