

ACTS 24; October 25; Paul Testifies Before Felix

ANALYSIS:

1. Whom did the Jewish council enlist to accuse Paul before Governor Felix at Caesarea? _____

2. What trumped-up charges did the orator present against Paul? _____

3. How did Paul say he worshipped God? _____

4. What subjects did Paul reason with Felix about? _____

5. What did Felix hope Paul would give him, and how long did he leave Paul bound? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Here we see the corrupt nature of the Roman Governor Felix exposed by several facts. We know there was no reason for Paul to be bound. Felix found no justifiable and legal cause to hold him as a criminal. This crooked judge should have loosed Paul legally. But he kept him imprisoned hoping for a bribe, indicating he would free him for money and seeking to show the Jews a pleasure. "If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for He that is higher than the highest regardeth; and there be higher than they" (Eccl 5:8). We will leave Felix in God's hands!

May we always judge righteous judgment whether in a civil court, church judgment, among neighbors or in our families. Let us fervently resist the temptation to allow a name, prestige, bribe, favor, friendship, money or anything pervert fair, just and truthful judgment.

HELP:

1. Tertullus, an orator (v 1).

2. He claimed Paul was a pestilent fellow, a mover of sedition among all the Jews, a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes, and had profaned the temple (vs 5-6).

3. Paul worshipped after the way they [the Jews] call heresy (v 14).

4. Righteousness, temperance and judgment to come (v 25).

5. Money, two years.