

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

NT Survey Lesson 76--Acts 26

Introduction: The Lord had said of Paul, "he is a chosen instrument of mine, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel". No doubt, episodes like the one in this chapter fulfill this prophesy. Here Paul tells his story to King Agrippa.

Paul relates the story of his life--Ac. 26:1-23

1. How did Paul regard Agrippa on matters of the law?
2. Where did Paul grow up?
3. With what religious group was Paul associated in the past? What doctrine did Paul continue to share with them?
4. What hope did the twelve tribes have as they served God?
5. Describe Paul's efforts to persecute Christians. Why is it important that Paul discuss this painful subject?
6. Why did Jesus say He had appeared to Paul and would appear again?
7. What did God promise to do for Paul? What would Paul do for God?
8. What blessings would come to those who turn from darkness to light, from the dominion of Satan to God?
9. Describe of the scope of Paul preaching efforts. When did Paul ever preach in the region of Judea?
10. Why did Paul say some Jews wanted to kill him?
11. What did Paul say was being fulfilled in the work he was doing for Christ?
12. What exactly did the Law and Prophets predict?

Both Felix and Agrippa respond to the message--Ac. 26:24-32

1. How did Festus react to Paul's message? How did Paul answer?
2. What did Paul suggest to King Agrippa about these things of which he had spoken?
3. As the Spirit guided Paul it became clear that Agrippa knew enough about these matters to hear an appeal to become a Christian. What did Paul ask him?
4. If Agrippa believed the prophets, what was Paul asking him to do?
5. How did Agrippa repond? Does this mean he was about to become a Christian, that he might become a Christian in a short time or that he is surprised that Paul would expect him to become converted in such a short time?
6. Does Paul's answer to Agrippa help?
7. When the King and Festus later discussed these matters, what were their conclusions?