

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

NT Survey Lesson 75--Acts 25

Introduction: In this chapter the Roman governor Festus seeks to reach a decision concerning Paul. Being uninformed about the spiritual aspects of the situation he asks King Agrippa to help him. The events of this chapter provide the way for Paul to address many dignitaries with the message of Christ. In the meantime, we continue to see God's care over Paul's life.

The Jews seek to persuade Festus to try Paul in Jerusalem--Ac. 25:1-5

1. What did the Jews ask Festus to do? What were their intentions in this?
2. What did Festus urge the Jews to do?

Paul is forced to appeal to Csaesar--Ac. 25:6-12

1. What charges did the Jews make against Paul? How did Paul defend himself?
2. Could we conclude from Paul's statement in v. 11 that he recognized the right of the civil state to administer capital punishment?
3. May a Christian use his civil rights for his personal protection? Defend your answer.

Festus proposes that King Agrippa examine Paul--Ac. 25:13-27

1. Using an Bible dictionary try to find out over what portion of Palestine King Agrippa ruled.
2. What did Festus ask King Agrippa to do?
3. What is remarkable about this opportunity of Paul to defend his life as a Christian?

4. What admission did Festus make about Paul? Why then did he not let Paul go free?