

PAUL BEFORE FESTUS – ACTS 25

INTRODUCTION: Festus was a _____ type from Felix. He was a _____ and _____ man and died after only _____ years in office. The Jews tried to take advantage of him by seeking to _____ him to have Paul come to _____ so they could _____ him on the way.

I: PAUL APPEALS TO CAESAR (1-12)

1. Festus, on a _____ visit to Jerusalem, found a large assembly of Jews (v. 24) who insisted that he do something with Paul.
2. Many _____ made which could not be _____ (v. 7).
3. Paul makes his _____ to Caesar (vs. 11-12).

II: PAUL PERPLEXES FESTUS (13-22)

1. Guests arrive in Caesarea to greet Festus. They were _____ and _____.
2. If Festus would _____ Paul, he would incur the _____ of the Jews, and as a new _____, he needed their _____.
3. They called the whole case a matter of _____ about their _____ (v. 19). He must not have had an _____ of spiritual matters.
4. Festus gave the real reason for wanting Agrippa to hear Paul ... he had no real _____ against him (v. 27).

III: PAUL FACES ROYALTY (23-27)

1. With “_____” (v. 23) the royal party assembled in the _____ room. The world has nothing within to _____ so they must have “the lust of the _____ and the pride of _____” (1 John 2:15-17).
2. Paul’s trial is not too unlike _____ ...
 - a) Captain Lysias admitted he had no _____ (23:29)
 - b) Festus admitted that Paul had done nothing _____ of _____ (25:25)
 - c) Agrippa _____ with this verdict (26:31)

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CONCLUSION: There are a number of PRACTICAL LESSONS here ...

1. Paul had to wait two years in prison, perhaps being prepared for his life as a prisoner in _____.
God prepares us for every _____.
2. Religion without Christ always _____ true believers.
3. Religion without Christ will try any _____ to accomplish the _____ purposes.
These Jews would lie and even _____ to uphold their _____.
4. Unsaved government _____ are often used of God without their realizing it.
5. Paul had lived an _____ life and no man could _____ him.
6. We should never be swayed by the _____ and _____ of men in the world.
We represent the KING OF KINGS!