

The Acts of the Apostles II
The Appeal of Paul unto Caesar
Acts 25:1-27

- I. PAUL'S APPEARANCE BEFORE GOVERNOR FESTUS (Acts 25:1-12)
 - A. The Accusations of the Jews (Acts 25:1-7)
 - i. In Jerusalem (Acts 25:1-3)
 - ii. In Caesarea (Acts 25:4-7)
 - B. The Answer of Paul (Acts 25:8-12)
 - i. His absence of offense (Acts 25:8)
 - 1. Against the Jews
 - 2. Against the temple
 - 3. Against Caesar
 - ii. His appeal to Caesar (Acts 25:9-12)
 - 1. The higher powers (Romans 13:1-6)
 - 2. The goal of Rome (Acts 23:11; Acts 27:23-24)
 - iii. His approval of capital punishment (Acts 25:11)
 - 1. Non-capital punishment shortly after the fall (Genesis 4:3-15; Genesis 4:23-24)
 - 2. Before the law (Genesis 9:5-6)
 - a) Capital punishment was established before the law, shortly after the flood.
 - b) Given to Moses and his sons

3. Under the law (Exodus 21:12; Leviticus 24:17; Numbers 35:16-24, 30-31; 2 Samuel 12:13)
 - a) Continued under the law
 - b) Giving guidelines to how to be judged according to the law (Numbers 35:30-31; Deuteronomy 19:11-13)
 - c) King David fearing death for his actions (2 Samuel 12:13)
4. Under grace (Romans 13:3-4)
 - a) Verified under grace
 - b) Verified by the Apostle Paul (Acts 25:11)
 - c) Government instituted to be the avenger of blood (Romans 13:3-4)
 - d) Verified by the Apostle Peter (1 Peter 2:13-14)

II. PAUL'S APPEARANCE BEFORE KING AGRIPPA (Acts 25:13-27)

A. The Explanation of Festus (Acts 25:13-21)

- i. The indecision of Festus (Acts 25:13-14)
- ii. The indignation of the Jews (Acts 25:15-16; Acts 25:1-3; Luke 23:23)
 1. The Roman's law required that he get to answer for himself
 2. However, the Jew's law did as well (John 7:51; Acts 24:19; Deuteronomy 1:7; Deuteronomy 17:8-11)
 - a. Both parties were to stand before God, the priests and the judges (Deuteronomy 19:15-19)
 - b. Solomon had noted that no man should cast judgment until he had heard a matter (Proverbs 18:13)

iii. The puzzle of their accusations (Acts 25:17-18)

– Note: Questions and Superstitions (Acts 25:19)

1. The danger of superstitions (1 Timothy 1:4; 1 Timothy 4:7; 1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 2:16, 23; 2 Timothy 4:4; Titus 1:14; Titus 3:9)

2. The teaching of doctrine (1 Timothy 3:2; 1 Timothy 4:11, 13, 16;
2 Timothy 1:13; 2 Timothy 2:2, 15; 2 Timothy 3:14-17;
2 Timothy 4:2-3; Titus 1:9; Titus 2:1)
- iv. The appeal of Paul (Acts 25:20-21)
 1. Not to go up to Jerusalem (Acts 25:20; Acts 25:9)
 2. But to be sent to Rome (Acts 25:21; Acts 25:10, 12; Acts 26:32;
Acts 27:1; Acts 28:19)
- B. The Call to Appear Before Agrippa (Acts 25:22-27)
 - i. The appearance of Agrippa (Acts 25:22-23)
 - ii. The declaration of Festus (Acts 25:24-25)
 - iii. The request of Festus (Acts 25:26-27)