

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Proverbs 29:25

Fear of men will prove to be a snare,
but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

ACTS 25-1**"PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA"
READ Acts 25:1-27****DAY 1 READ Acts 25:1-27**

1. What was significant to you in last week's lesson?
- 2.a. What unfinished business did Festus inherit from Felix?
- b. What finished the business but still left Festus a problem?

DAY 2 REVIEW Acts 25:1-7

- 3.a. By order of Felix, Paul had been in prison at Caesarea two years. Now Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus who made a trip to Jerusalem. What happened there?
- b. What motive was behind the request of the Jewish leaders?
- c. How long did Festus stay in Jerusalem and what was his decision?
4. What was still true of the charges against Paul?
5. Considering verses 1-7, what kind of political reputation do you think Festus had?

DAY 3 REVIEW Acts 25:8-12

- 6.a. What was Paul's defense against the charges leveled at him?
- b. What is your personal approach to answering false accusations?
- 7.a. Why did Festus suggest Paul go to Jerusalem to stand trial?
- b. List some reasons you think both Festus and Felix (Acts 24:27) wanted to please the Jews.
- c. What are some "special interest" groups today that try to influence the decisions of government?

DAY 3 (Continued) REVIEW Acts 25:8-12

- 8.a. Why did Paul reject the suggestion of Festus?
 - b. To whom did Paul appeal in verse 11?
- 9.a. Recall the instruction Paul received in Acts 23:11. How do you think this might have influenced his decision to appeal to Caesar?
 - b. Please share how knowing God's plan for your life influences your decision making.

DAY 4 REVIEW Acts 25:13-22

- 10. _____ arrived in Caesarea to see Festus.
- 11. Festus acquainted them with Paul's case (vs. 14-21). How did he describe:
 - a. Paul's accusers and their request?
 - b. Roman custom?
 - c. the charges?
 - d. his own dilemma?
 - e. Paul's appeal?
- 12.a. What was Agrippa's reply?
 - b. What do you think caused Agrippa's curiosity?

DAY 5 REVIEW Acts 25:23-27

- 13. Describe the scene in the audience room.
- 14.a. What did Festus state in his introduction of Paul to King Agrippa?
 - b. How do you think Paul felt to hear that Festus would have found him innocent?
- 15.a. What did Festus hope to determine from the special hearing?
 - b. Why?

DAY 5 (Continued) REVIEW Acts 25:23-27

- 16.a. Festus seemed concerned about justifying his actions before Caesar. What does Proverbs 29:25 teach?
- b. Share what you see as dangers when trying to please men.
- 17.a. Consider the dilemma Festus faced as he sought counsel from King Agrippa. What options do you think he had?
- b. What do you do when you are faced with really tough decisions?
- c. Write these Scriptures that help Christians make right choices.
Psalm 119:30

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Hebrews 10:23

James 1:5

James 4:17

PRAYER REQUESTS:

ACTS 25-4

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LECTURE NOTES:

HISTORY NOTES:

Fanny Crosby 1820-1915

William Booth 1829-1912