

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