

Acts 24:1-24

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SUBJECT: Paul Before Felix

Paul in the hands of Felix

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TEXT: Acts 24²⁵ "And as he reasoned Felix
trembled..."

SUBJECT: The Virility of the Christian Message

Acts 24: 25

THE IRON AND THE STEEL

OF THE CHRISTIAN MESSAGE.

Felix and Drucilla: Agrippa II and Bernice.

Fitness of Paul's speaking - the boldness of the man: a Jesus the Baptist.

The faith in Christ Jesus.

1. Righteousness. Derived in the, and from, day from religion. But not here. Heart of O.T. - Product of N.T.

Self control

- the righteousness of the people. Success. Even their temple worship. *at Antioch, 18000.*

3. The coming judgment.

Heb. 9: 27 "appointed unto men once to die, and after that the judgment..."

Let us listen to some of these N.T. preachers.

1. Jesus the Baptist. Math. 11: what a cent. got out of me? *reed?* *soft raiment?*
"of offering of viases, bring forth fruits meet, etc." "Why, see how abundant is love."

2. Jesus. What kind of a man? Some presumed - *weeping*. Some *clayed* (cleaning temple) *(clay)* (looking around - to do good or rest on the Sabbath day?)
"Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven..."
"Thus consider, how on sand, rock"
"Ye write me, scribe and Pharisee, hypocrites!"

3. Peter. Bold man, fearless.

"Jesus of Nazareth... ye by the hand of lawless men did crucify and slay."
"They were pricked to the heart, and said, 'Brethren, what shall we do?'"

4. Stephen. "a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit. 6: 5

8: 1 "My staff reached and was uncovered in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit... which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute?
ye have now become betrayers and murderers of the Righteous One."
"...cut to the heart, pricked on their sides with their teeth."

Let us look at some of our modern messages.

"The Illusion of Progress" - Baptist
for Persecute, & light vs. light boxing change or will speak. Baptist

"The Psychology of Confession" - Baptist

"Glass Houses" - Christian.

"A dead man who laughed" - Christian.

"St. Andrew" - Episcopal.

"Mentored, a woman" - Evangelical

"How you played the game" - Interdenominational

"The morning after" (the night before) - Methodist

1. Established. Ch. House, at ease.

2. Compromising. A part of the world.

"A Christian?" "Well, I belong to the Kingdom of Christ" "I am on it"

3. Soft, easy, well dressed, bleached, flabby.

"Banalities of theology?"

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What message have we about

1. Sin; a new born is depravity.

Children brought up, sin not judged. Christ, Darwin, Francis, not judged.
Thinking at it in ourselves and in others.

2. Judgment and hell.

Preachers, arguing this week about whether we preach hell or not.
Scare people into? I am thankful I have been scared. Some thing horrible.

3. The Christ who only can save?

Peter, preached unto them Jesus "neither is there any other name."

Phillip 2:36 "the Christ Jesus,

Paul at Athens, "in Jesus."

(a) Tonight Donohue "Come back -"

FELIX - leaving Paul in bonds, but a great instance of one who sacrificed duty and justice for the sake of unscrupulous selfishness.

His brother the Gallus of the Emperor Claudius, an infamous favorite. Treating even the wife and his brother at court, his cruelty and rapacity knew no bounds.

DRUSILLA, was the youngest of the 3 daughters of Agrippa I. married when 14 years of age to Azizus, King of Emesa. Shortly afterwards, induced by Felix to desert her husband, & employing a Cyprian Sorcerer to carry out his purpose. Her sister, hated her because she was jealous of her beauty. Berenice left her husband, lived in adultery with her own brother Agrippa II, before she died. She was the son of Felix's friend in the empire of Domitian.

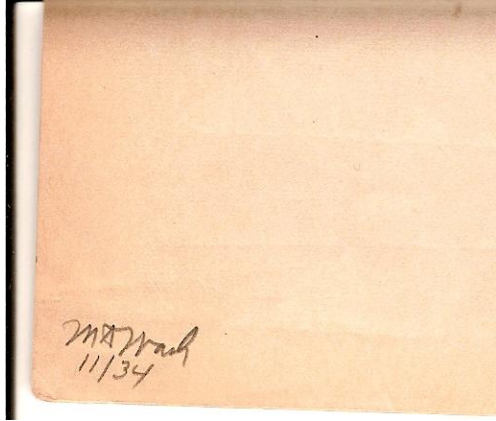
Felix, a freedman of Antonia, mother of Claudius. First wife daughter of Julia, a granddaughter of Antony and Cleopatra. Second Drusilla. Third, no particulars.

Assassinated by her, the high priest. That they carried on - in the festival crowds, dagger, play, then mingle in the multitude. All eyes opened, as if for war. Summoned to Rome - saved only by Felix's influence with

Drusilla - her father Agrippa I murdered her

" great Uncle Herod Antipater, slew John Baptist

" great-grand father, Herod the Great, slew the babies of Bethlehem.



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Acts 24:1-26

Paul Before Felix

Paul's arrest in Jerusalem, the conspiracy against his life, Claudius Tiberius sends him to Caesarea with a letter to Felix, Roman procurator. The trial in Caesarea: *DRAMA'S PERSONAE*

Ananias. The high priest. Held the office 47-59 A.D. From Josephus we see him a typical Sadducee, wealthy, haughty, unscrupulous, filling his mind with Jewish learning. In NT figures in two passages: (1) Acts 23:1-5 "I did not find in him that I ought addressing the high priest." (2) Acts 24:1 "I was found in Jerusalem, in the temple, teaching the Jews, and bearing witness to the Jews, that they should keep the commandments of God, which were given by Moses, and that they should worship the Lord, who is the God of our fathers." Tertullian. A Roman name, who met necessarily a Roman. A good orator, to present the case in proper form before the Roman court.

Felix. With brother Pallas were slaves of Antonia, mother of the Emperor, Claudia Livia. By a connection equal to her own, he worked themselves up to high influence in the court. Felix, Pallas the favorite of Claudius, pondered to his master's view; Felix made a Roman procurator. Rich. When Emperor himself complained of being poor, he was told, with much suggestion in the tone, that if he would enter into partnership with Felix and Pallas he would soon be a wealthy man.

Felix, procurator, judge, held the lives of the people in his hands. One object - to be paid for his acquittals. 24:26 after 24:17. The chief of money lender. A judge but the basest of his tribe. No means soul in all the Roman service, most venal, detestable of his kind. Mercenary. Station. Combined the power of a king with the meanness of a slave. Tertullian: "He special in judges the irregular functions with a mercenary soul." Re. called by Nero; does a similar.

Paul. We know something about him, having spent these weeks, preaching of his work. Learned to love him, know; in the presence of a strong, gracious, judgy soul. Today hear about another man, has to say about him - what say, is possibly unwise to by many others, 24:9.

24:5 "jealous fellow" $\lambda\omicron\lambda\mu\acute{o}\nu$ just (Latin "jealous") plague. As you read the history story from page to page, does this tally with what you know? Breaching the good news, corrupting the disciples, 24:5 "man of sedition" when preached on Mars Hill, praise his great prayers, charged ideas of Ephesus...

Said to abuse Paul. Sil was for his caricature eloquence. These epistles Paul's words understood. To last spoken really would have been only to last from stream to a fish.

But even Tertullian obliged to compliment the man paid to abuse. According to Tertullian.

24:5 "jealous" nothing negative about Paul. Not a quiet character. When he was, things extra. Spirit of 7 mag in him. A persecutor... a convert to X. No faith not a quietly rotting thing. "A bad man, nothing like him is what made place of business."

24:5 "sedition" a sentence intended to touch ear of the Roman judge. Invention. True. praise of the revolutionists. Every X is a revolutionist. Does not plaster rotten walls. pulls them down. Upright - disintegrated - to build up for sturdiness. Rom 13-17 Eph 3:

24:5 "ingratitude of wit" "Noxarum" Contemptuous. But a leader of whatever sect...

24:6 "preparatory" as untruth. Tertullian excited about the purity of the temple - tears in his unusual voice at possibility of the temple being prepared. Misrepresented the people to the temple, yet with words even pleads for the temple itself.

Have words enough, swelling words of ingratitude enough. But epistles only. Paul stands, untruthful, unbecoming, the stones lying haphazard at his feet.

He speaks simple truth: "many years a judge" - this as long as not
: "can not prove... but the confessions..."

Paul can not condemn. Keeps for further trial.

Bressilla. One of the beauties of her day. ^{youngest} Daughter of
 herod Agrippa I (the great) of Acts 12, sister of Agrippa II and
 Bernice of Acts 25, 26. A world-famous beautiful queen,
 used her beauty for personal advancement. Felix a favorite of the
 Emperor; like any good. dygg, off with him; will herself to do
 nothing for court recognition. ^{3rd rank) Felix a son Agrippa}
 A Jewess. Her father also James, inspired St. Paul. Her great-
 grandfather, also called, Pithy-bone. His great-uncle also for the Baptist.
 interested in the Jews, the prince of magicians, greatest of wonder-workers.
 He would buy the animated story of the wandering sorcerer. Paul
 my report - related with matter - a devotee. able to convert readily.
 let us call the prisoners - full of grapes. Penning. While away are
 here describing this magical howling, blackstone, thunder. ^{of Herod Agrippa}
 and a miracle.

What should Paul say?

as Pithy-bone before the King

Felix a Roman procurator, rich man, his wife a queen. This
 roof gilded walls redated, carpets were flowers soft and fragrant,
 did wear identical, drank it out of nothing less than gold.
 Felix a gentile - god, sat with flattery. No man dare say one
 critical word to Felix. His egoism in the matter of approbation was simply
 unmeasurable. When a man is, men stand up; no one else sit down
 until they receive his highest permission. Whom speak to his court
 his as a sign of god. Lines amongst his idolaters in religious atmosphere
 of adulation.

What to say?

Felix a judge with power of life and death. A word - the
 prisoners; thrive to the hour; a word, and the fire will consume him.

Try to ingratiate himself into the good graces of his ill-fated
 audience. Flattery, deft words, to be looked upon as charms.
 Certainly, like first, early all ministers to address lords,
 princely - pour out before them obsequious adulation. Before
 my joy licking my, bring the doctrine, cut (blunt) the edges of speech,
 yellowing [of. 13 ministers, pray, leave out Jesus names.]

Was ever such godliness in the power of such wickedness? Face
 to you with will. Smite it with both hands. Acts 20: 24 "Neither
 count I my life dear. The sword of the Lord, the blade of judgement.
 The gospel bring in peace, sword, vict. prom. Call able.
 Kings, queens, rulers, Caesars, thrones, judges before the gospel.
 But pleads for all. (as Pithy-bone, by Vice Robert = Felix, Oct 1st)

Paul's purpose - to save them.

Poured in that sermon, that appeal, his utmost.

1. His auditors but two, but he did his best.
 2. Every one man is a congregation. Earnestness can speak to one individual. Not withheld because numbers not overwhelming.
 3. Jesus. His greatest revelation, address, self disclosure, disclosure to one, solitary listener.
- 2-Jn 4 - "I am he" "washing in spirit"
 3-Jn 11 - "I am the resurrection"
 1-Jn 3 - "But we know the words"
 Jn 7:37 Just great day of the feast of the Jews
 more the rest. "Every here the sublime doctrine
 addressed to 1 man. J. Rev 22:17.

the minister's answer. no answer seen. might not need his words to prepare a sermon for an audience of 100.

The gospel a one man religion. when he talks to
 census every man is one. Says to the despairing preacher.
 evangelist: "... Jesus 5:20". "Xy despising us one.
 Xy the disciples that will not rest until they found
 ninety 9 names. no number in choosing syllables because
 one of your feet. "Not will of your Father that one of
 the little ones perish." other religions go by numbers, enquiries,
 nations, count multitudes only: the individual a flock
 a drop in an ocean, a little they not to be named. But
 religion of Jesus - having found 1 sheep lost
 "then is joy in the presence of the angels..."

3. At field.
- of Jesus, the seven said, 4 and 7 found
- 2 - "Not of rules"
- 2 - "Sabbath, Pharise, rules..."
- But come...

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TACITUS said of Felix

"He revelled in cruelty and lust, and wielded the power of a King with the mind of a slave."

"He exercised in Judaea the imperial functions with a mercenary soul."