

**Acts 25: Trial Before the King — Higher Judgment**

**I. Paul Before Festus (vv. 1–12)**

- A. The Jews' plot of setting an ambush to kill Paul (v. 3)
- B. "If there is anything wrong about this man, let them prosecute him" (v. 5) — God's righteous hand was protecting Paul
- C. In Caesarea
  - 1. The Jews could not prove their charges
  - 2. The uprightness in Paul's heart (v. 11)
    - a) "If, then, I am a wrongdoer and have committed anything worthy of death, I do not refuse to die"
    - b) "If none of those things is true of which these men accuse me, no one can hand me over to them"
    - c) "I appeal to Caesar" — heading to Rome for the highest judgment

**II. Festus Testifies Before King Agrippa Concerning Paul (vv. 13–22)**

- A. According to man's conscience, Paul was not guilty — Festus' secret discussion
  - 1. According to Roman custom — the sense of conscience for that generation
  - 2. No crimes as expected; simply some points of disagreement
  - 3. Concerning the resurrection of Jesus Christ
  - 4. At a loss — sense of conscience was veiled
- B. Agrippa wanted to hear Paul

**III. Paul Before Agrippa (vv. 23–27)**

- A. Agrippa came with great pomp
- B. Proclamation of Festus
  - 1. "I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death" (v. 25)
  - 2. "I have nothing definite about him to write" (v. 26)
  - 3. "It seems absurd to me in sending a prisoner, not to indicate also the charges against him" (v. 27)

**Note: A trial for a servant of God is a test for the purpose of investigating the truth — the best sacrifice must be without spot or blemish**