
SERMON OUTLINE

Thinking like Heaven on a Hostile Earth

Acts 24

- I. Paul defended himself in court before Governor Felix – emphasizing His accountability to God and His Word (Acts 24:1-23).
 - A. Legal Defense – Paul showed he was innocent of the charges against him (24:1-13)
 1. The Jews accused Paul of disturbing the peace (24:1-9).
 2. Paul said he was only worshipping and the charges were totally unproven (24:10-13).
 - B. Spiritual Defense – Paul used the opportunity to explain the truths guiding his life (24:14-21).
 1. I worship the Creator God of Israel (14a).
 2. I believe all of Scripture is true (14b).
 3. I believe that all are resurrected to either be rewarded or face judgment (15).
 4. I live personally accountable to God (16-21).
 - I seek a clear conscience before God and man.
 - I brought gifts needy Jewish people
 - I'm only "guilty" of defending resurrection
 - C. Felix deferred Paul's case by saying he'll try him when Lysias comes (22-23)
- II. Paul met privately with Felix and Drusilla – emphasizing faith in Christ, God's holiness and our sin (Acts 24:24-27).
 - A. Paul explained faith in Christ (24).
 - B. Paul taught this powerful immoral couple about God's Holiness, self-control and judgment (25).
 - C. Felix nervously interrupted Paul, then held him for 2 years out of greed and favoritism (26-27).