

The Acts of the Apostles II
The Hearing of Paul Before Agrippa
Acts 26:1-32

I. PAUL'S PERSONAL DEFENSE (Acts 26:1-8)

A. His Judge (Acts 26:1-3)

- i. Agrippa's identity (Acts 26:1; Acts 25:13, 23)
 - 1. Herod Agrippa II
 - 2. The brother of Bernice
 - 3. The son of Herod (Herod Agrippa I) (Acts 12:1-24)
 - a) Killed James
 - b) Was eaten by worms
 - 4. Grandson of Aristobulus IV
 - 5. Great-grandson of Herod the Great (Matthew 2:1-19; Luke 1:5)
- ii. Agrippa's permission to speak (Acts 26:1)
- iii. Agrippa's knowledge of the Jews (Acts 26:2-3)

B. His Life (Acts 26:4-5)

- i. Among the Jews (Acts 26:4; Acts 22:3)
- ii. As a Pharisee (Acts 26:5; Philippians 3:4-6)

C. His Conviction (Acts 26:6-8)

- i. The promise of God (Acts 26:6; Job 19:25-27; Psalm 17:15; Psalm 71:19-20; Isaiah 26:19; Isaiah 53:10)
- ii. The hope of Israel (Acts 26:7; Acts 28:20)
- iii. The resurrection from the dead (Acts 26:8; Acts 23:6)

II. PAUL'S UNUSUAL SALVATION (Acts 26:9-18)

A. His Persecution (Acts 26:9-11)

- i. Against Christians (Acts 26:9; 1 Corinthians 15:9; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 1:13)
- ii. In Jerusalem (Acts 26:10; Acts 8:3)
- iii. In other cities (Acts 26:11)

B. His Vision (Acts 26:12-15)

- i. A light from heaven (Acts 26:12-13; Acts 9:3)
- ii. The voice of the Lord Jesus (Acts 26:14-15; Acts 9:4-6)

C. His Commission (Acts 26:16-18)

- i. The authority of his commission (Acts 26:16; Acts 18:9-10; Acts 23:11; Acts 27:23-24; Galatians 1:11-12, 15-17; Ephesians 3:2-3)
- ii. The scope of his commission (Acts 26:17; Acts 9:15)
- iii. The purpose of his commission (Acts 26:18)

III. PAUL'S MISSIONARY WORK (Acts 26:19-23)

A. His Field (Acts 26:19-20)

B. His Trials (Acts 26:21)

C. His Message (Acts 26:22-23)

- i. The word of prophecy (Acts 26:22; Luke 24:44-46)
- ii. The suffering of Christ (Acts 26:23)
- iii. The resurrection of Christ (Acts 26:23)

IV. FESTUS' ANGRY INTERRUPTION (Acts 26:24-26)

A. The Accusation of Insanity (Acts 26:24; 1 Corinthians 1:18, 23)

- i. For "too much learning" (Acts 26:24)
- ii. In contrast Peter and John were accused of being "ignorant and unlearned" (Acts 4:13)

B. The Answer of Truth (Acts 26:25-26)

- i. The words of truth (Acts 26:25; Ecclesiastes 12:10-11)
- ii. The knowledge of Agrippa (Acts 26:26)

V. AGRIPPA'S UNSETTLED ANSWER (Acts 26:27-32)

A. The Power of Conviction (Acts 26:27-29)

- i. The question of decision (Acts 26:27)
- ii. The point of persuasion (Acts 26:28)
- iii. The desire of the witness (Acts 26:29; Romans 10:1)

B. The Innocence of Paul (Acts 26:30-32)