

**Acts 24**  
**Lessons from Paul on Trial**  
**September 12, 2021**

**Acts 24:1-9 The Prosecution Against Paul**

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**Verses 10-21 Paul's Defense**

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- 2) Jesus did not replace the Old Testament, He \_\_\_\_\_ it!
- 3) Paul explains that all people will be \_\_\_\_\_

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- 4) Because we have \_\_\_\_\_, we can resist the Holy Spirit.
- 5) The more often we resist God, the \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) When you're stuck waiting, focus on what \_\_\_\_\_ wants \_\_\_\_\_ to do, rather than on what \_\_\_\_\_ want \_\_\_\_\_ to do.

**Anticipating Eternity - Ready to be with Jesus**

(Acts 24:15-16, 2 Peter 3:10-11, Hebrews 12:1-2)

**If we live anticipating eternity, then...**

- 7) There's an \_\_\_\_\_ to our work.
- 8) We'll have a proper perspective of \_\_\_\_\_ things
- 9) We'll strive to maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

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- 2) Jesus did not replace the Old Testament, He \_\_\_\_\_ **fulfilled** \_\_\_\_\_ it!
- 3) Paul explains that all people will be \_\_\_\_\_ **resurrected** \_\_\_\_\_

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- 4) Because we have \_\_\_\_\_ **free** \_\_\_\_\_ **will** \_\_\_\_\_, we can resist the Holy Spirit.
- 5) The more often we resist God, the \_\_\_\_\_ **easier** \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_ **becomes** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) When you're stuck waiting, focus on what \_\_\_\_\_ **God** \_\_\_\_\_ wants \_\_\_\_\_ **you** \_\_\_\_\_ to do, rather than on what \_\_\_\_\_ **you** \_\_\_\_\_ want \_\_\_\_\_ **God** \_\_\_\_\_ to do.

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**If we live anticipating eternity, then...**

- 7) There's an \_\_\_\_\_ **urgency** \_\_\_\_\_ to our work.
- 8) We'll have a proper perspective of \_\_\_\_\_ **material** \_\_\_\_\_ things
- 9) We'll strive to maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ **pure** \_\_\_\_\_ life.

What is most comforting to you about the Lord's return?

What most tempts you to *ignore* or *put off* thoughts about the Lord's return?

- 6) This week we read how Felix resisted the Holy Spirit's conviction. Has there been a time in the past when you resisted the Holy Spirit? If so, what was it?
- 7) Can you think of anything that might help us be *more sensitive* to the Holy Spirit's leading, and be *more willing* to immediately obey?

### TAKING IT HOME

- 8) Are you currently resisting the Holy Spirit's leading or conviction? If so, how?
- 9) Looking back at this week's teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Afghanistan.
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## Life Group Homework For the week of September 5, 2021

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) Acts 24 ended with Paul stuck waiting in house arrest for two years. Name something in the past that you were willing to wait for (or wait in line for).
- 2) Name one of your current, favorite worship songs.

### REVIEW

- 3) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message in Acts 24? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

### DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) When we are stuck waiting, it can be a battle between our will (or timing) and God's will (or timing). What stands out to you from the following Psalm?

**Psalm 13:1-6** - "[1] To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? [2] How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? [3] Consider and hear me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the sleep of death; [4] Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am

*moved. [5] But I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. [6] I will sing to the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me."*

Do you think David was right or wrong for being so honest with God? Why or why not?

In what way(s) does this Psalm challenge or encourage you?

Why do you think it is important to be honest with God?

What are the pro's and con's of complaining to man?

What are the pro's and con's of complaining to God?

5) This week Paul shared how he anticipated eternity, and lived so he was already ready to meet the Lord. Read the following passages about God's return, making note of any highlights or questions you have.

**Matthew 25:1-46** - "[1] *"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out*

*to meet the bridegroom. [2] "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. [3] "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, [4] "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. [5] "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. [6] "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' [7] "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. [8] "And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] "But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' [10] "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. [11] "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' [12] "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13] "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.*

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** - "[13] *But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. [14] For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. [15] For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. [16] For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. [18] Therefore comfort one another with these words."*