

*“Persecution Prep 101”*

A Study Of Acts - Part 2

INTRO: To be witnesses to the uttermost will of necessity run us afoul of the satanic forces, society, and our own sin nature. Persecution will naturally arise to mute our testimony. Yet, like Paul we can stand in the midst of the persecution, and actually see God use that persecution to further our witness.

IV. ...YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME IN THE UTTERMOST

13:1 - 28:31

3. The Rome Journey 21:14 - 28:31

(1) At Caesarea - 24:1 - 26:32

1a. Hearing #1

1b. The Players

1c. Ananias - The Apostate

2c. Tertullus - The Attorney

3c. Felix - The Agent Of The Government

4c. Paul - The Accused

2b. The Prosecution

1. Built On Flattery

2. Built On Falsehoods

3. Built On Fabrication

CONCL: Paul gives us, perhaps, our most complete primer on handling the perils of persecution. He did so with grace and determination, and as such was a powerful witness in the midst of the trials. So can we! Let us study carefully Persecution Prep 101, the Apostolic course on Oppression Outreach!

*“Hope For The Hurting”*

A Study Of 1 Peter

INTRO: Everywhere you look today you see people hurting. It is a part of our lives. Sometimes the hurt can lead to such despair. But it does not have to do so. Our heavenly Father, through his servant Peter, has given us all the coping devices one could ever need, not to mention many, many good reasons to rejoice instead!

I. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR SALVATION - 1 Peter 1:1-25

II. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR STANDING - 1 Peter 2:1-10

III. THERE IS HOPE IN OUR SUBMISSION - 1 Peter 2:11 - 3:12

1. Submission To The Spirit 2:11-12

2. Submission To The State 2:13-17

3. Submission To The Superiors 2:18-25

4. Submission To The Spouse 3:1-7

5. Submission To The Saints 3:8-12

(1) Submissive In Our Attitudes vs. 8

1a. The Attitude Of Same-mindedness

2a. The Attitude Of Sympathy

3a. The Attitude Of Sibling Love

4a. The Attitude Of Sensitivity Of Heart

5. The Attitude Of Selflessness

(2) Submissive In Our Actions vs. 9-12

1a. Our Responsibilities

1b. Negatively Speaking

2b. Positively Speaking

2a. Our Reassurances

CONCL: Dr. R. L. Matthews said it well, “If we knew better the character of God, we would not need the promises of God.” We have a Father we can trust, *no matter what we face in life!*