

"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

3a. Hearing #3 - 25:13 - 26:32

1b. The Prominent Players 25:13-14a

2b. The Perplexing Problem 25:14b-22

3b. The Perfect Providence

4b. The Powerful Proclamation 26:1-24

5b. The Possible Persuasions 26:24-32

1c. The Philosophical Persuasion vv. 24-25

2c. The Positioned Persuasion vv. 26-29

3c. The Pleasure Persuasion v. 30

4c. The Preacher Persuasion - vv. 25, 26-27, 29

5c. The Penitent Persuasion vv. 24-32

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!

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"Don't Be Duped!"

A Study Of 2 Peter

INTRO: Paul warned (Acts 20:29-30) that persecution would come upon our church like a pack of ravenous wolves, sparing none. But he also noted that Satan would not only attack the church from without but also from within by perversion of the truth. Men would arise speaking these perverse things seeking disciples and thus seeking to damage, and if possible, destroy our church. We must be vigilant!

I. THE PROTECTIONS AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS 2 Peter 1:1-21

1. Our Salvation vv. 1-4

(1) Its Glorious Procurement vv. 1-2

(2) Its Glorious Power v. 3

(3) Its Glorious Promises v. 4a

(4) Its Glorious Partaking v. 4b

2. Our Sanctification vv. 5-7

3. Our Security vv. 8-18

4. Our Scripture vv. 19-21

CONCL: Peter warns "beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness" (3:17). What Satan cannot accomplish by attack, he will attempt to accomplish by subversion. False teachers will arise, in fact they are abundantly present right now. We must be careful. Don't be duped!!

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