

Reflecting on Acts 25

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Introduction: In chapter 25, Paul continues to face threats and false accusations; and once again, he must defend himself before the Roman and Jewish authorities.

Interestingly, God is not named in this chapter, though His sovereign wisdom is clearly on display. In this chapter of Paul's trials, we learn that ***God's wisdom is shown even when His name is not known.***

1. **Think over Acts 24 and 25.** Identify the similarities between Paul's circumstances in these chapters and Jesus' trial in Luke 23:1-25. How does God use both of these unfair hearings for His glory?*

2. **Read Acts 25:6-12.** What does Paul's behavior in this chapter teach us about how to face hateful accusations?†

3. **Read Acts 25:13-21, 24-27.** According to these verses, what is Festus's opinion of Paul? How can we walk with integrity even when others treat us unfairly?

4. **Consider Acts 25:18-19.** Festus expresses surprise and seeming disinterest in the theological disagreement between the Jews and Christians (specifically Paul). Why is it important for believers to hold clear convictions, especially in our pluralistic society?

5. Paul shares his full testimony before Agrippa and Bernice in chapter 26; however, we've heard his conversion story before (see chaps. 9 and 22). Why do you think Paul consistently shares his salvation story when he is on trial? What can we learn from his example?

6. What does **Acts 25** teach us about God's sovereignty?[†]

*These questions are based on Tony Merida's commentary: *Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary: Exalting Jesus in Acts* (B&H Publishing Group, 2017)

† These questions are based on R. Albert Mohler Jr.'s commentary: *Acts 13-28 For You* (The Good Book Company, 2019)