



Bible Study Notes

Book of Acts Part 91
November 10, 2021

Tonight's theme: *The battle belongs to God.*

Acts 23:12-35

The Plot to Kill Paul

¹² The next morning some Jews formed a conspiracy and bound themselves with an oath not to eat or drink until they had killed Paul. ¹³ More than forty men were involved in this plot. ¹⁴ They went to the chief priests and the elders and said, "We have taken a solemn oath not to eat anything until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵ Now then, you and the Sanhedrin petition the commander to bring him before you on the pretext of wanting more accurate information about his case. We are ready to kill him before he gets here."

¹⁶ But when the son of Paul's sister heard of this plot, he went into the barracks and told Paul.

¹⁷ Then Paul called one of the centurions and said, "Take this young man to the commander; he has something to tell him." ¹⁸ So he took him to the commander.

The centurion said, "Paul, the prisoner, sent for me and asked me to bring this young man to you because he has something to tell you."

¹⁹ The commander took the young man by the hand, drew him aside and asked, "What is it you want to tell me?"

²⁰ He said: "Some Jews have agreed to ask you to bring Paul before the Sanhedrin tomorrow on the pretext of wanting more accurate information about him. ²¹ Don't give in to them, because more than forty of them are waiting in ambush for him. They have taken an oath not to eat or drink until they have killed him. They are ready now, waiting for your consent to their request."

²² The commander dismissed the young man with this warning: "Don't tell anyone that you have reported this to me."

Paul Transferred to Caesarea

²³ Then he called two of his centurions and ordered them, "Get ready a detachment of two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen and two hundred spearmen^[a] to go to Caesarea at nine tonight. ²⁴ Provide horses for Paul so that he may be taken safely to Governor Felix."

²⁵ He wrote a letter as follows:

²⁶ Claudius Lysias,

To His Excellency, Governor Felix:

Greetings.

²⁷ This man was seized by the Jews and they were about to kill him, but I came with my troops and rescued him, for I had learned that he is a Roman citizen. ²⁸ I wanted to know why they were accusing him, so I brought him to their Sanhedrin. ²⁹ I found that the accusation had to do with questions about their law, but there was no charge against him that deserved death or imprisonment. ³⁰ When I was informed of a plot to be carried out against the man, I sent him to you at once. I also ordered his accusers to present to you their case against him.

³¹ So the soldiers, carrying out their orders, took Paul with them during the night and brought him as far as Antipatris. ³² The next day they let the cavalry go on with him, while they returned to the barracks. ³³ When the cavalry arrived in Caesarea, they delivered the letter to the governor and handed Paul over to him. ³⁴ The governor read the letter and asked what province he was from. Learning that he



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was from Cilicia, ³⁵ he said, "I will hear your case when your accusers get here." Then he ordered that Paul be kept under guard in Herod's palace.

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Our real enemy is the devil and the dark forces that work with him. They are bent on our destruction.

There are no coincidences with God.

God has a reason for everything He does and everything He allows to be done.

Psalm 2:1-4

¹ Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

³ "Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles."

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.

Proverbs 19:21

²¹ Many are the plans in a person's heart,
but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails.

1 John 4:4

⁴ You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

It was the Lord, behind the scenes, fighting for Paul.

Zephaniah 3:17

¹⁷ The LORD your God is with you,
the Mighty Warrior who saves.
He will take great delight in you;
in his love he will no longer rebuke you,
but will rejoice over you with singing."



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Deuteronomy 3:22

²² *Do not be afraid of them; the LORD your God himself will fight for you."*

God has promised to vindicate us when we are wronged.

He will fight for our cause.

Psalm 37:5-6

⁵ *Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him and he will do this:*

⁶ *He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
your vindication like the noonday sun.*

Psalm 57:2

² *I cry out to God Most High,
to God, who vindicates me.*

Proverbs 21:1

¹ *In the LORD's hand the king's heart is a stream of water
that he channels toward all who please him.*

Why didn't God just take Paul? He still had work to do.

"That all of God's men are immortal until God is through with them is a wonderful comforting thought for today. And when He is through with you, He will remove you from the earth."

J. Vernon McGee

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