

## ACTS 26

### ACTS 26:1

1 ¶ Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

### ACTS 26:2

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

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3 Especially *because I know* thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

### ACTS 26:4

4 My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

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5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

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6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:

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7 Unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

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8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

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9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

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10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*.

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11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto strange cities.

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12 ¶ Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

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13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

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14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, *\_Saul, \_Saul, \_why \_persecutest thou me? it is \_hard for thee to \_kick \_against the \_pricks.*

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15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I *\_am \_Jesus \_whom thou \_persecutest.*

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16 *But \_rise, and \_stand upon thy \_feet: for I have \_appeared unto thee for \_this purpose, to \_make thee a \_minister and a \_witness \_both of these things \_which thou hast \_seen, and of those things in the \_which I will \_appear unto thee;*

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17 *\_Delivering thee from the \_people, and *from* the \_Gentiles, unto \_whom \_now I \_send thee,*

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18 *To \_open their \_eyes, *and* to \_turn *them* from \_darkness to \_light, and *from* the \_power of \_Satan unto \_God, that they may \_receive \_forgiveness of \_sins, and \_inheritance \_among them which are \_sanctified by \_faith that is in me.*

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19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

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20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

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21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill *me*.

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22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

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23 That Christ should suffer, *and* that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

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24 ¶ And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

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25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

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26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

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27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

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28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

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29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

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30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:

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31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

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32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.