

Acts 23:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix
sendeth greeting.

Analysis

Claudius Lysias's letter provides Luke's historical source for events in the fortress. The formal epistle format - greeting, situation summary, and action taken - follows Roman military protocol. This document would officially introduce Paul's case to Felix and explain the military action, showing how God's providence worked through proper administrative procedures.

Historical Context

This letter exemplifies Roman military correspondence. Its preservation in Acts suggests Luke had access to official records, supporting the historical reliability of his narrative.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does attention to proper documentation and procedures serve God's purposes in protecting and advancing His work?
2. What does this teach about God's concern for legal and administrative details in accomplishing His plans?

Interlinear Text

Κλαύδιος Λυσίας τῷ κρατίστῳ ἡγεμόνι Φήλικι

Claudius

G2804

Lysias

G3079

G3588

unto the most excellent

G2903

ἡγεμόνι

governor

G2232

Felix

G5344

χαίρειν

sendeth greeting

G5463

Additional Cross-References

Acts 15:23 (Parallel theme): And they wrote letters by them after this manner; The apostles and elders and brethren send greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia:

Acts 26:25 (Parallel theme): But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

Acts 24:3 (Parallel theme): We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

Luke 1:3 (Parallel theme): It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,