

Acts 23:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come.
And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

Analysis

Felix's promise to hear Paul 'when thine accusers are also come' ensured proper judicial process. The command to keep Paul 'in Herod's judgment hall' provided secure custody in the palace complex. Though imprisoned, Paul now had Roman legal protection and proper venue for defense, demonstrating how God's providence can improve circumstances even within restrictions.

Historical Context

Herod's praetorium, built by Herod the Great, served as the Roman governor's official residence and judgment hall in Caesarea. Paul's custody there offered security and relative comfort compared to prison.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How can you recognize God's provision even when circumstances remain difficult or restrictive?
2. What does this teach about trusting God's purposes through legal processes rather than seeking escape from all difficulty?

Interlinear Text

Διακούσομαι σου ἔφη ὅταν καὶ οἱ κατήγοροι σου

I will hear thee said he when also G3588 accusers thee

G1251 G4675 G5346 G3752 G2532 G1725 G4675

παραγένωνται· ἐκέλευσεν τε αὐτόν ἐν τῷ πραιτωρίῳ

are he commanded And him in judgment hall

G3854 G2753 G5037 G846 G1722 G4232

τοῦ Ἡρόδου φυλάσσεσθαι

G3588 Herod's to be kept

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Additional Cross-References

Acts 23:30 (Parallel theme): And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what they had against him. Farewell.

Acts 25:16 (Parallel theme): To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

Matthew 27:27 (Parallel theme): Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of soldiers.

Acts 24:19 (Parallel theme): Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

Acts 24:1 (Parallel theme): And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul.

Acts 24:10 (Judgment): Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

Acts 24:22 (Parallel theme): And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

Matthew 2:3 (Parallel theme): When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:16 (Parallel theme): Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

John 18:28 (Judgment): Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover.