

Acts 24:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Felix's response - 'having more perfect knowledge of that way' - indicates he understood Christianity better than the Jewish leaders assumed. His postponement 'when Lysias the chief captain shall come down' was technically reasonable but practically a delay tactic. Felix's knowledge without commitment exemplifies those who understand gospel truth but refuse to act on it.

Historical Context

Felix's wife Drusilla was Jewish (verse 24), giving him insider knowledge of Jewish religious matters. His 'perfect knowledge' suggests he recognized Christianity's claims and the accusations' baselessness but chose political expediency over justice.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What's the danger of having accurate knowledge about Christ without personal commitment to Him?
2. How do you respond when authorities understand truth but choose convenience or politics over justice?

Interlinear Text

Ἄκούσας δὲ ταῦτα ὁ Φῆλιξ Ἀνεβάλετο αὐτοὺς

heard And these things when Felix he deferred them

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