

Acts 24:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Analysis

Paul's message emphasized 'righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come' - precisely the areas where Felix and Drusilla lived in flagrant violation. Felix's trembling shows conviction of sin, but his response - 'Go thy way for this time' - exemplifies fatal procrastination. The promise to call Paul 'when I have a convenient season' represents the devil's classic strategy: acknowledge truth but postpone response.

Historical Context

Felix's relationship with Drusilla violated multiple laws - she was married to another man, and their union required her abandoning Judaism. Paul's message confronted their adultery directly through principles rather than personal attack.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How do you confront sin in powerful people through timeless principles rather than personal accusations?
2. What's the danger of intellectual acceptance of truth combined with delayed personal response?

Interlinear Text

διαλεγομένου δὲ αὐτοῦ περὶ δικαιοσύνης καὶ
as he reasoned And G846 of righteousness and
G1256 G1161 G4012 G1343 G2532

ἐγκρατείας καὶ τοῦ κρίματος τοῦ μέλλοντος ἔσεσθαι,
G1466 and G3588 judgment G3588 to come G2071
G2532 G2917 G3195

ἔμφοβος γενόμενος ὁ Φῆλιξ ἀπεκρίθη Τὸ νῦν
G1719 trembled G3588 Felix and answered G3588 for this time
G1096 G5344 G611 G3568

ἔχον πορεύου καιρὸν δὲ μεταλαβὼν
I have Go thy way a convenient season And G3335
G2192 G4198 G2540 G1161

μετακαλέσομαί σε
I will call for thee
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Additional Cross-References

John 16:8 (Righteousness): And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

1 Peter 3:15 (Parallel theme): But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Acts 10:42 (Judgment): And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

2 Peter 1:6 (Parallel theme): And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

Galatians 5:23 (Parallel theme): Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Hebrews 4:1 (Parallel theme): Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Hebrews 9:27 (Judgment): And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Hebrews 3:13 (Parallel theme): But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

1 John 3:7 (Righteousness): Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

James 2:19 (Parallel theme): Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.