

# 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

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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

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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

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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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

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διαλεγόμενου δὲ αὐτοῦ περὶ δικαιοσύνης καὶ  
**as he reasoned** **And** <sup>G846</sup> **of** **righteousness** **and**  
G1256 G1161 G4012 G1343 G2532

ἐγκρατείας καὶ τοῦ κρίματος τοῦ μέλλοντος ἔσεσθαι,  
G1466 **and** <sup>G3588</sup> **judgment** <sup>G3588</sup> **to come** <sup>G2071</sup>  
G2532 G2917 G3195

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

ἔχον πορεύου καιρὸν δὲ μεταλαβὼν  
**I have** **Go thy way** **a convenient season** **And** <sup>G3335</sup>  
G2192 G4198 G2540 G1161

μετακαλέσομαί σε  
**I will call for** **thee**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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.