

Acts 24:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

Analysis

'We accept it always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.' Extended flattery preceded the accusation. The exaggerated gratitude contradicted Jewish resentment of Roman rule. Tertullus sacrificed truth for rhetorical advantage.

Historical Context

Jewish leaders actually despised Felix's corrupt administration. This flattery represented pragmatic manipulation, not genuine appreciation.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. When does polite speech cross into manipulative flattery?
2. What does this teach about discerning motives behind rhetoric?

Interlinear Text

πάντῃ	τε	καὶ	πανταχοῦ	ἀποδεχόμεθα	κράτιστε	Φῆλιξ
it always	G5037	and	in all places	We accept	most noble	Felix
G3839		G2532	G3837	G588	G2903	G5344
μετὰ	πάσης	εὐχαριστίας				
with	all	thankfulness				
G3326	G3956	G2169				

Additional Cross-References

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 23:26 (Parallel theme): Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting.

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,