

Acts 24:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.

Analysis

'By examining of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.' Tertullus invited Felix to interrogate Paul, confident their accusations would be confirmed. This challenge backfired when Paul's defense proved compelling.

Historical Context

Roman governors could personally interrogate defendants. Tertullus's invitation demonstrated overconfidence in their case's strength.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does truth withstand invitation to examination?
2. What does overconfidence in false accusation teach about spiritual warfare?

Interlinear Text

κελεύσας τούς κατηγορούς αὐτοῦ ἔρχεσθαι ἐπὶ σέ παρ'
Commanding ^{G3588} **accusers** **him** **to come** **unto** **thee** **of**
G2753 G2725 G846 G2064 G1909 G4571 G3844

ᾧν δυνήσῃ αὐτοῦ ἀνακρίνας περὶ πάντων τούτων
whereof **mayest** **him** **by examining** **of** **all** **these things**
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ἐπιγινῶναι ᾧν ἡμεῖς κατηγοροῦμεν αὐτοῦ
take knowledge **whereof** **we** **accuse** **him**
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