

Paul Faces Governor Felix

Introduction

Paul was virtually immortal until his witness was through.

Acts 23:11

Why did Paul have encounter so many contentious, vicious, even violent opposers?

Christianity was accused of being *sedition subversive* and *sacrilegious*

Truth was the single weapon Paul used to defend himself.

The Imperative Need for Truth

Isaiah 59:12-15

Psalms 12:1-2

The temporal nature of the Lie and the eternity of Truth:

“Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.” Proverbs 12:19

Our God is a God of Truth, He *cannot lie* (Titus 1:2).

Psalms 57:3; NASU

John 1:14

John 18:37-38

Psalms 51:6

Psalms 15:1-2

When pride composes our words it causes us to conceal what we truly think. And so we lie.

Cp The proper respect shown by Paul to the shameless fawning and false flattery of Tertullus!

Acts 24:16

Zechariah 8:16-17

Ephesians 4:25

Colossians 3:9

Revelation 21:8

Psalms 86:11-13