

# Paul's Defense Before Agrippa and Bernice

Acts 25:13 – 26:32

PART THREE: 26:12-18

## Introduction

**Paul shares his Damascus road conversion with Agrippa: Acts 26:12-18**

**v12 v13 v14**

***'It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'***

**Resisting or contending with the will of God is a wearisome business.**

God often allows us to struggle hard, at times enduring painful consequences in order to get us to submit.

**The iron obstinacy of the human will.**

"the way of transgressors is hard." Proverbs 13:15; KJV

"hard"; 'rough'; 'rugged'; 'an enduring rut.'

**Men go to hell sweating.**

"they weary themselves committing iniquity." Jeremiah 9:5

Genesis 19:11

Isaiah 57:10

**Sinners fight their way into hell as saints battle their way into heaven.**

Matthew 11:12;

Luke 16:16;

Acts 14:22

*The difference?* John 16:33

Isaiah 5:18

Like brute beasts, men living against the will of their Creator yoke themselves to a heavy load.

Proverbs 5:22

Matthew 11:28-30

**Paul's receives his commission from the Lord**

**v15 v16**

***"servant and witness"***

**v17 v18**

*"I saw on the way a light from heaven" (v13)*

The unregenerate are born spiritually blind.

2 Corinthians 4:4

Isaiah 49:6

**There are only two realms of existence in this world: *The Darkness of Death and The Light of Life***

John the Baptist: Matthew 4:16

John 1:4-5, 9

John 8:12

John 12:35-36

2 Corinthians 4:6

Isaiah 60:1-3