

The Futility of Assaulting God's Leaders - Acts 23A

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Paul gave his pedigree in the chapter prior.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

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The high priest was abusing his authority & power. We are to pray for our leaders. 1 Timothy 2:1,2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

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1 Timothy 1:5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith unfeigned:

1 Timothy 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Romans 10:17 faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 13:18 Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

1 Peter 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of

you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

1 Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

John 8:11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

Smith's Revised Bible Dictionary - ANANI'AS (hynne, or hynn *Jehovah is gracious*: Ananiav). 1. A high-priest in (#Ac 23:2 ff. xxiv:1), before whom Paul attempted to defend himself, in the Jewish Council at Jerusalem, but was silenced with a blow on the mouth for asserting that he had always "lived in all good conscience before God." See, in regard to that incident, Paul. He was the son of Nebedaeus (Joseph. *Ant.* xx. 5, 2), succeeded Joseph son of Camydus (*Ant.* xx. 1, 3, 5, 2), and preceded Ismael son of Phabi (*Ant.* xx. 8, 8, 11). He was nominated to the office by Herod king of Chaleis, in a. d. 48 (*Ant.* xx. 5, 2); and in a. d. 52 sent to Rome by the prefect Ummidius Quadratus to answer before the Emperor Claudius a charge of oppression brought by the Samaritans (*Ant.* xx. 6, 2). He appears, however, not to have lost his office, but to have resumed it on his return. This has been doubted; but Wieseler (*Chronol. d. Apostol. Zeitalters*, p. 76, note) has shown that it was so in all probability, seeing that the procurator Cumanus, who went to Rome with him as his adversary, was unsuccessful, and was condemned to banishment. He was deposed from his office shortly before Felix left the province (*Ant.* xx. 8, 8); but still had great power which he used violently and lawlessly (*Ant.* xx. 9, 2.) He was at last assassinated by the Sicarii (*B. J.* ii. 17, 9) at the beginning of the last Jewish war.

John 18:11 Then said Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

Deuteronomy 28:48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things*: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

Jeremiah 28:14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

2 Corinthians 11 Summarized Paul's list of afflictions he went through.

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Acts 17:22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

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Hananiah the prophet assulted God's prophet Jeremiah.

1 Samuel 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

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Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Acts 13 Summarized of Elymas the sorcerer withstanding God against Paul lost his sight for a season.

Revelation 11:3-13 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. 4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. 7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. 9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. 10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. 11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. 12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. 13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

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Saying Repent, Repent like John the Baptist & Jonah.

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Revelation 19:11,15 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

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Acts 1:9 And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

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Nebuchadnezzar & Pharoah knew God but did not get saved.

James 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Luke 11:47-51 Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. 48 Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres. 49 Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets & apostles, & *some* of them they shall slay & persecute: 50 That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation

of the world, may be required of this generation; 51 From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar & the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation. Revelation 6:10,11 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

Daniel 5 account of Belshazzar summarized.

Ezekiel 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

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