

Agrippa, he said, "The king himself knows that I am speaking the truth, for none of these things happened in private. King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest."

But the cowardly Agrippa was afraid to take Paul's side; so he only answered half jokingly, "Really, Paul you would almost persuade me to be a Christian."

"I could pray God," answered Paul earnestly, "that not only you but all who are listening to me to-day might indeed become everything that I am, except for these chains."

Questions on the Lesson

1. How long did Felix keep Paul in prison?
2. What was his reason for doing so?
3. Who was the next governor of Caesarea?
4. From whom did Festus soon receive a visit?
5. What did Agrippa say to Festus about Paul?
6. How did Festus arrange that he might hear him speak?
7. How was Paul brought before them?
8. What did Paul say were the reasons the Jews hated him?
9. What did those who were listening think of Paul?
10. How did Festus interrupt him?
11. What answer did Paul make?
12. What question did he ask the king?
13. What did Agrippa reply?
14. What reply did he receive from Paul?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Once a rich and powerful prince fell asleep and dreamed that he had died and gone to heaven, where he saw a beautiful mansion being built.

"Who is that for?" he asked of the guide. "For your gardener." "But he lives in the tiniest cottage on earth, with barely room enough for his family. He might live better if he did not give away so much to miserable poor people."

Further on he saw a tiny cottage being built. "And who is that for?" he asked. "That is for you." "But I lived in a palace on earth. I should not know how to live in a cottage."

Just then the prince awoke, and found it all a dream. But he learned this lesson, that the humblest and most unhonored person upon earth may be counted the greatest in the kingdom of God.

If we are living selfish, evil lives, then, although we were as rich and powerful as any earthly king, we should be lower in God's sight than one who, like Paul, is poor and despised, but is spending his days and his strength in doing God's will and helping those around him.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Master, whom I serve,
Though so feebly and so ill,
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve
All thy bidding to fulfil;
Open Thou mine eyes to see
All the work Thou hast for me. Amen.
Hymn 240, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—28. What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God? They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God.
29. What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience? It is called sin.

SHORTER CATECHISM—79. Which is the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

It was a heavy chain somewhat like this that hung on the arms of Paul while he stood before Agrippa. He was not ashamed,



but proud of the chain because it was for the sake of Jesus whom he loved that they had bound him with it.

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