

writings of the prophets. Mark the scornful reply, and how, in words of quivering earnestness, Paul pressed home his appeal, v. 29. How the nobility of the apostle shines out in his dignified, loving reply to the sneer of Agrippa! The prisoner possessed true royalty, the king only the outward signs of it.

The choice should be easy between the three men—Festus, rude because restless under the truth; Agrippa, scornful as a shield from his own conscience as a wrongdoer; and Paul, courteous and sincere, eager only that the men who insulted him should be saved.

Some Test Questions

- To what vision does Paul refer?
- Its effect on his life?
- How many accounts of it in the Acts?
- To whom had Paul preached?
- The topics of his preaching?
- Why did the Jews hate Paul?
- How did they show their hatred?
- What is the Old Testament here called?
- What did it teach concerning Christ?
- How was Paul insulted by Festus?
- What was Paul's reply?
- Paul's question to Agrippa?
- The meaning of Agrippa's answer?
- The spirit of Paul's rejoinder?
- What do we learn as to:

- (1) Paul's movements after conversion?
- (2) Jewish prejudice against Gentiles?
- (3) Paul's attitude to the Old Testament?
- (4) True contentment with self?

Prove from Scripture

That we need to repent.

For Special Study

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous.)

- 1. Paul's conversion.
- 2. The Herods of the New Testament.
- 3. The gospel is intended for all.

The Catechism

Ques. 79. *The Tenth Commandment.* The Tenth Commandment goes deeper than any of the others. It deals with the secret desires of the heart before they have found expression in word or deed. The form of covetousness mentioned most frequently in the Bible is the inordinate desire of worldly wealth. Paul says of covetousness in this form, that it is the root of all evil, 1 Tim. 6: 10. There is no crime which men have not been led to commit through love of money. This is the Commandment of all the ten which shows us that without God's help we cannot keep His law. In its light Paul saw his sin and helplessness, Rom. 7: 7. The control of our desires is beyond our unaided strength. For this we need divine power.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

Review—Before what governor did Paul appear? How long was he in prison? The teacher may make some use of the following in recalling the blamelessness of Paul's life:



"Then the Shepherds led the pilgrims to another place called Mount Innocence, and there they saw a man clothed all in white; and two men, Prejudice and Ill-will, continually casting dirt upon him. Now, behold, the dirt, whatever they cast at him, would in a little time fall off again, and his garment would look as clear as if no dirt had been cast thereat. Then said the pilgrims, 'What means this?' The Shepherds answered, 'This man is named Godly-