

Prolonged Trials

Acts 25:1-12

(series #93)

Introduction: the heartbreak of the Psalmist in Psalm 35

The Historical Background v. 1

Felix had been dismissed because of conflict w/ the Jews

Festus wanted to establish good relations quickly

The Pursuit of the Jews against Paul vv. 2-3

They wouldn't let go of their anger against Paul

They were taking advantage of Festus' difficult situation

They wanted to do away with Paul

The Sovereign over-ruling by God v. 4

The Re-trial of Paul vv. 5-7

The example of chapter 21 verses 27-28

Part of their accusation was twisted

Part of their accusation was completely false

The example of chapter 24 verses 1-9

The Defense of Paul vv. 8-12

He denied the accusations v. 8

The legal recourse of Paul vv. 9-12

Concluding application: Isaiah 49:15-16 a