

## “ACCESS TO THE WORLD’S GREATEST THEOLOGIAN”

Acts 24:22-25:12, ESV

**INTRODUCTION:** Can you imagine what it might be like to have access to the world’s greatest theological mind and yet you told him to “Go away; I don’t want to hear any more”? For two years, Felix kept Paul in custody and had numerous conversations with Paul. Yet, to our knowledge, Felix remained unconverted to Christ. The text today has a “d  j   vu” feel to it. Again, we anticipate another hearing of the Apostle Paul.

### FELIX AND HIS ACCESS TO PAUL (24:22-27).

In **verse 22**, the text says, “But Felix having a rather accurate knowledge of the Way...” Irony? From Drusilla?

**Application:** Is it possible to have “head knowledge” of the Christian faith, but no change of heart?

Felix was a procrastinator. He simply refused to act on the issue related to Paul.

He kept Paul in custody but with significant freedoms (**v. 23**).

Felix would visit Paul frequently. In **verse 24**, we are told that he visited Paul with his **third wife, Drusilla**.

Paul spoke about faith in Jesus Christ (**v. 24**).

Specifically, Paul reasoned about:

- Righteousness (**v. 25**)- believer or unbeliever- God expects righteous living. Why? God is holy!
- Self-control (**v. 25**)- For people to conform to God’s standards would require self-control.
- The coming judgment (**v. 25**)-Failing to live righteously and exercise self-control invites judgment.

**v. 25- Felix was alarmed.** Why? He was living with a woman he had lured away from her husband, obviously lacking both righteousness and self-control. He realized that he faced judgment.

**v. 26-** Felix often conversed with Paul. He had this remarkable access to Paul’s mind and heart. Wow!

**v. 27-** A bit of an ominous ending to chapter 24- transition in leadership, and not one to procrastinate.