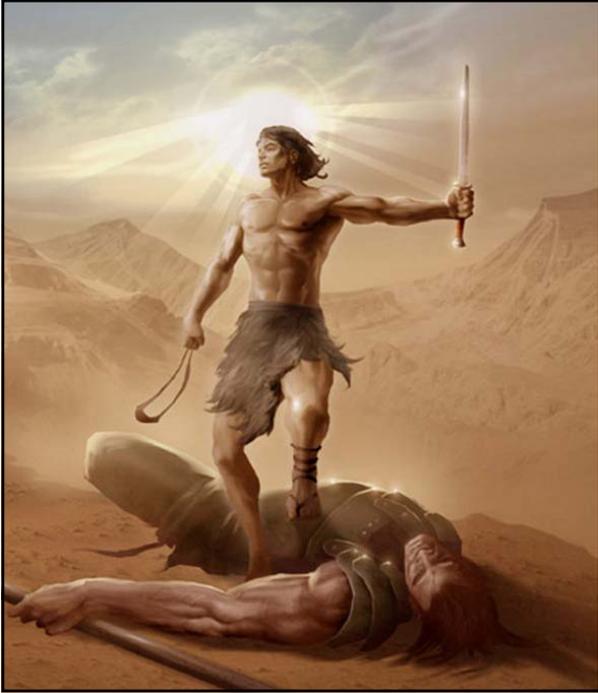
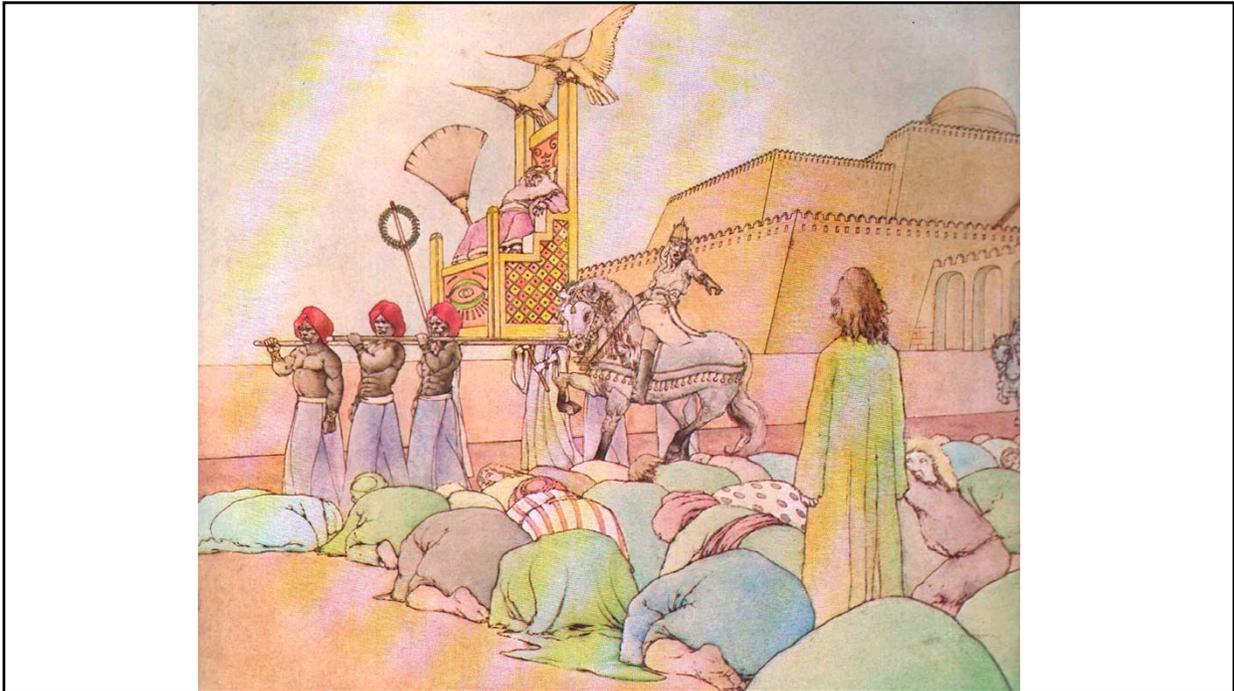




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21:29 Paul deals with false accusations

21:30 you cannot reason with a mob

21:32 Paul is beaten

21:36 The Jews shout “away with him”

21:40-22:21 Paul pours out his heart

22:22-23 the Jews claim Paul is not fit to live, tear their clothes, and throw dust into the air

23:12-15 over 40 men vow that they will not eat or drink until they have killed Paul

Acts 23:11 But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.”

18:9-10 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, “Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.”

22:17,21 “Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance ¹⁸ and saw Him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.’ ... ²¹ Then He said to me, ‘Depart, for I will send you far from here to the Gentiles.’”

1. Jesus comforted Paul

“be of good cheer” = take courage

2 Cor 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ.

7:4-6 ... I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. ⁵For indeed, when we came to Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but we were troubled on every side. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears. ⁶Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus,

2. Jesus commended Paul

“you have faithfully witnessed”

Mt 25:21 His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

3. Jesus confirmed Paul

“you must also bear witness at Rome.”

Rom 1:9-11 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, ¹⁰ making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established

15:23 But now no longer having a place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come to you,

Ps 20:4 May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose.

Ps 37:4-5 Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass.

Prov 10:24 The fear of the wicked will come upon him, and the desire of the righteous will be granted.

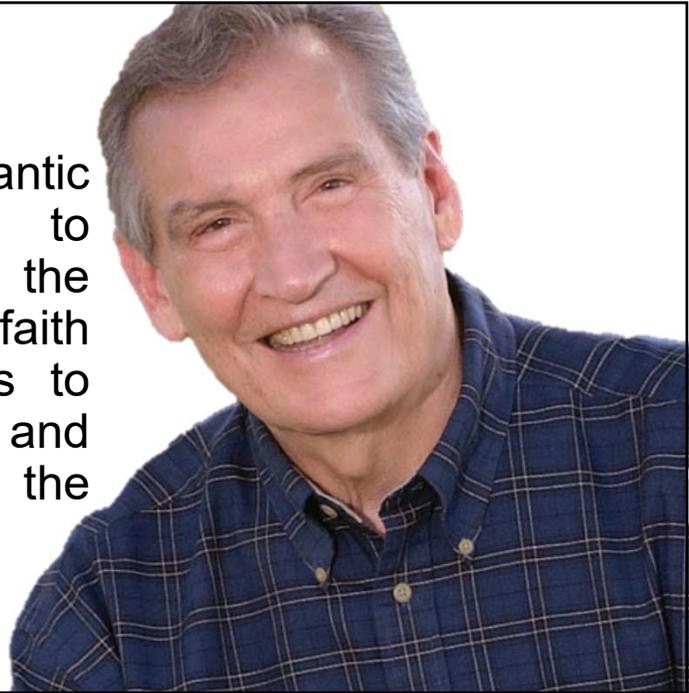
Ps 39:7 "And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope is in You.

Rom 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Heb 4:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

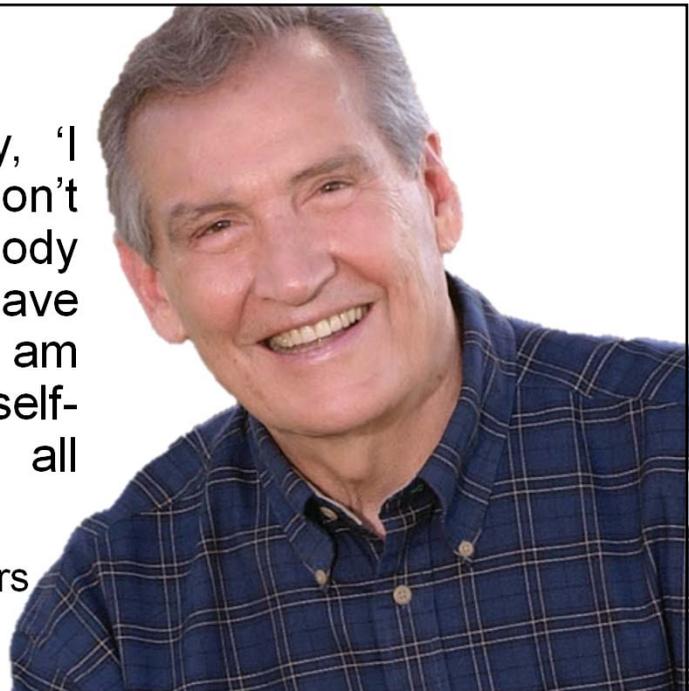
Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

“When God has a gigantic task He wants us to perform, He gives you the contract to faith. Your faith links your nothingness to God’s almightiness and victory is yours for the taking!



Paul was able to say, ‘I have learned that I don’t need anything or anybody else, but the Lord. I have Him, and therefore, I am self-contained, not self-sufficient. I can do all things through Christ.’”

Adrian Rogers



“If others in past centuries – and some even today – have reddened the mouths of lions, languished in prisons, and been scorched in the flames, can we not go out today, back to school, back to the office, and live for Jesus Christ? God help us that we shall. In this evil hour, we’ll have revival when there are men and women, Christians with burning hearts, brimming eyes, and bursting lips, who fear nothing but sin and who love nothing but Jesus Christ.”