

Lesson 11
King of Kings
Acts 21-26

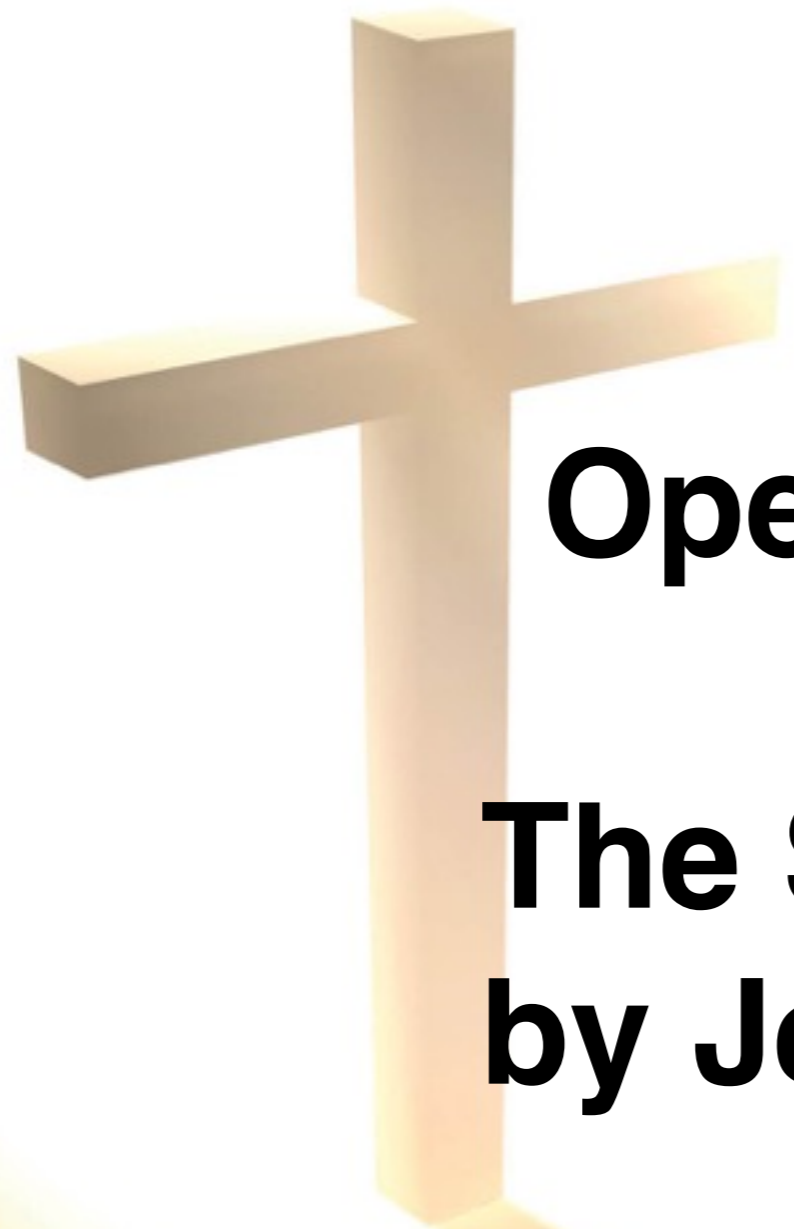


*Becoming
& Being
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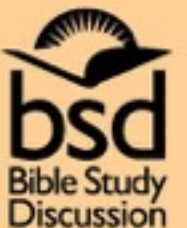
Opening Music

The Same Power by Jeremy Camp

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hof9I4UWrMs>



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Philippians 2:10

**At the Name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
in heaven and
on earth and
under the earth...**

Memory Verse



LSU
Head Coach Nick Saban
2000-2004
National Championship
2004

Alabama
Head Coach Nick Saban
2007 - Present
National Championship
2009, 2011, 2012, 2015



Persons

Prophecies

Psychology

Prejudice

Pride

Procrastination

**SUBJECTS
TO INVESTIGATE
IN ACTS 21-26**

Preview will offer
meditation
questions

PERSONS

King of Kings

But the Lord said to him [Ananais], “Go, for he [Saul] is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel...

Acts 9:15 NRSV



PERSONS PAUL ENCOUNTERS

Gentiles and
Kings and
People of Israel

Philip the Evangelist Acts 21

Agabus (prophet) Acts 21

James and the elders Acts 21

Tribune or Commander Acts 21, 22

Centurion Acts 22

Chief Priest Ananais Acts 23, 24

JESUS Acts 23

Paul's Nephew Acts 23

Claudius Lysias Acts 23

Governor Felix & Drusilla Acts 23

Tertullus (lawyer)

Governor Porcius Festus

King Agrippa & Bernice





PERSONS

Meditation

Questions

Looking back, who has God sent you that you may bring Jesus' name to them?

Looking forward, what opportunities will you seek to bring Jesus' name to others?

PROPHECIES

Acts 21:1-14

Paul went to Tyre, Ptolemais and Caesarea. He was met warmly by friends, but he was given some disturbing prophecies. His friends discouraged him going to Jerusalem. But Paul knew God's will was for him to go to Jerusalem. So he went.



PROPHECIES

6 Ways to Know God's Will

1. Listen to the Indwelling
of the Holy Spirit

2. Study Scripture

3. Pray and Meditate

4. Listen to our emotions when they are put at
God's disposal.

5. Listen to the insight of others

6. See signs in the world around us.



PROPHECIES

Meditation

Questions



Have you been discouraged from following God's will? How can you stay firm in your convictions to follow?

Have you ever crushed someone's desire to follow God's will?

How can you be an encourager to help someone follow God's will?

PSYCHOLOGY

Acts 21:15-36



Some Jews in Jerusalem were upset with Paul for including Gentiles in the faith. It was reported that Paul told the Jews that they don't need to obey the Law, circumcise children, or keep customs! This was rumor and wrong. Some of the Jews formed a mob and attacked Paul. Paul was arrested.

PSYCHOLOGY & RUMORS

Rumors are information or stories that are passed from one person to another but has not been proven to be true and has no known source.

People spread rumors when:

- **there's uncertainty.**
- **they feel anxiety.**
- **they believe the information.**
- **it helps their self-image.**
- **it helps their social status.**





MOB PSYCHOLOGY

Crowds behave differently than individuals.

One dog may bark but a pack will attack.

Individuals act differently in a crowd because they lose their sense of individual identities.

They desire harmony and belonging within the group so they do not protest the group's actions even when those actions or sentiments are extreme.

PSYCHOLOGY

Meditation

Questions



Has anyone told you a rumor? What can you do to stop the rumor mill?

What can you do if you find yourself in a crowd that is talking about taking extreme actions?



PREJUDICE

The Jewish mob in Jerusalem was listening to rumors and only getting part of the message. But the Messiah came for everyone! The Gentiles were coming to share in the promise, patriarchs, covenants, and the Messiah of the Jews. Some Jews thought Gentiles were lesser breeds, outside the Law, and automatically sinners. These Jews were prejudiced!

PREJUDICE

Prejudice is preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience.

It is learned values and beliefs that people get from their family, peers, teachers, media, and others around them.

Prejudice stops people from thinking reasonably.





PREJUDICE



101 Ways You Can Beat Prejudice!

<http://archive.adl.org/prejudice/print.html>

- **Watch what you say and how you act or react.**
- **Get informed.**
- **Speak out against jokes and slurs targeting a group of people.**
- **Spend time with people who are different from you.**
- **Avoid places where people practice bigotry.**



PREJUDICE

Meditation

Questions

What words set off alarms in you?

What steps can you take to eliminate prejudice in your life?

PRIDE

Acts 23



Paul is brought before the Sanhedrin in his 1st trial or hearing. Chief Priest Ananais breaks the Law by having Paul slapped. Paul retorts back at him but then apologizes. Paul speaks to the Sanhedrin. In this chapter, Paul expresses his humanity, humility, and hope. Jesus speaks to Paul.

 **PRIDE** 

Pride is the deep satisfaction you get from your own accomplishments. It's a feeling that keeps you from admitting your wrongs or sins. Individuals have a need to be right and want to hide their imperfections.

 **HUMILITY** 

Humility (which Paul demonstrated) is admitting we are not perfect. We are in need of a savior who will pay the price for our sins. *That savior is Jesus!* Like Paul, we need to put our security in Jesus' perfection not in our own.

**PRIDE
& HUMILITY
Meditation
Questions**



How can you demonstrate humility?

**How can you be more like Paul
and less like Chief Priest Ananais?**

**What bad choices do you want to
confess to God?**

How will you avoid making them again?

PROCRASTINATION



Acts 24-26

Paul goes through 3 more hearings. Governor Felix couldn't make a decision about Paul. For 2 years, he sent for Paul to listen to him and then return him to jail. Felix refused to make a decision and hoped for a bribe to release Paul. Governor Festus, King Agrippa, and Bernice heard Paul speak. Finally, Paul appealed to Rome and to Rome he would go!

PROCRASTINATION

Governor Felix was an example of procrastination which is delaying or postponing action usually due to a fear of failure.

Procrastination is not a time-management problem but an emotion-management problem.



PROCRASTINATION

How to Stop Procrastinating



- 1. Forgive yourself for feeling guilty about delaying.**
- 2. Recognize that you don't have to be in the mood to do a certain task. Just ignore how you feel and get started.**
- 3. Break down tasks into small steps that are easily accomplished.**

PROCRASTINATION

Meditation

Questions



**Governor Felix told Paul to come to him
and then go away for a while.**

How often do we tell this to God?

**What is something that you have been
putting off doing? Why?**

What steps are you going to take?

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We thank God for our many blessings!



**On behalf of the BSD Steering Team,
we wish you a blessed Thanksgiving.**

In these chapters, Paul was trusting, obedient, honest, determined, courageous, selfless, committed, and available.

Choose one of these characteristics to work on to improve yourself.

Close in Prayer