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## SATURDAY NIGHT TALKS

By REV. F. E. DAVISON  
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### ALMOST PERSUADED.

International Bible Lesson for Oct. 24, '09. [Acts 23-26]



Paul, the apostle, has now to be considered as Paul the prisoner. Henceforth, to the end of life, he carries the chain of bondage. He knows how to sympathize with all who are oppressed and unjustly accused. He is not the first, nor the last man who sleeps in a cell and is branded as a criminal, while absolutely innocent of guilt.

At Caesarea Governor Felix kept him two whole years in military custody. To be sure he was not confined in prison, neither was he out on bail, but he was put in the care of a soldier, who held him responsible for him when wanted. At the end of that period Felix, the governor, was himself called to Rome to answer complaints against his administration, and a new ruler, Festus, was appointed in his place. Three days after assuming office Festus went to Jerusalem on his first visit, and the very first complaint that he heard was this old trouble about Paul. The crafty knaves who had planned the first conspiracy, asked that the apostle might be brought to Jerusalem, intending to assassinate him on his way thither. But again these "black hand" rascals are defeated in their purpose. Festus appoints a new trial at Caesarea.

#### Appeal to Caesar.

At this preliminary hearing Paul, who has come to the conclusion that he cannot hope for a fair trial in Judea, falls back upon his rights as a Roman citizen, and appeals unto Caesar. The pronouncement of the single word Appello, was sufficient to transfer all further proceedings from the provincial tribunal to the Emperor.

While the governor waited an opportunity to forward his prisoner, he was visited by his royal neighbor Agrippa, and his sister Bernice. Herod Agrippa II. was a Jew. His father, Herod Agrippa I., in this very city of Caesarea had died a tragic death, eaten alive by worms. He was the grandson of that Herod who had beheaded John the Baptist, and the great grandson of the Herod who slew the children of Bethlehem at the birth of Christ. Therefore, he hailed with delight the opportunity of seeing and hearing the most brilliant teacher and preacher that christianity had produced. Accordingly a brilliant audience gathered in the judgment hall, and Paul was given the opportunity of telling the story of his conversion to christianity and his subsequent 25 years of missionary service.

#### The Point at Issue.

After an introduction of singular grace Paul comes at once to the point at issue. He puts the whole charge into a nutshell. His enemies had thrown a great deal of dust into the eyes of his judges in their frantic efforts to get rid of him, but Paul in a single sentence goes straight to the heart of the matter, and affirms that it is on account of the hope held by the Jews themselves, that he is now judged. It was the great promise of the Old Testament, viz. the coming of the Messiah. The whole Jewish nation believed God's promise of Messiah, and looked and longed for it. And the only reason for their hatred and persecution of Paul was the fact that he taught that Jesus of Nazareth whom they had crucified, was that Messiah.

#### Dodging the Truth.

Both Paul's auditors are moved, but both in a different way dodge responsibility. Festus, the heathen, can account for the apostle's earnestness in no other way than on the ground of a "brain storm." He cries out, "Much theological study has turned your head." And Agrippa, the zealous Jew, sneeringly says, "With but little persuasion thou wouldst 'ain make me a christian." (Revised Version). The Roman official scoffed in one way, the zealous Jew sneered in another. But they both dodged the truth.

Paul is not the only man who has been stigmatized as a lunatic. Dwight L. Moody was nicknamed "Crazy Moody" before the world came to recognize the method of his madness. If there were more crazy people, after the pattern of Paul, in the christian church to-day, the world would sit up and take notice. The knees of corrupt judges would knock together again with Felix, and new Agrippas, hard, selfish, bigoted, would again feel the force of the spiritual earnestness of the soldiers of the cross. If modern disciples felt as profoundly the revolutionary doctrine of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, there would be a mighty host of believers ready to cry out with the apostle, "I would to God, that whether with little or with much, not thou only, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am."

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When discovered he was taken at once to the hospital and Dr. Jas. R. Rogers summoned. Upon examination it was found that his head was badly crushed, several ribs broken, his chest mashed, and in general he was in a serious condition.

Hunnicutt is a carpenter by trade and works for Mr. Ashley Horne, at Clayton. He says he does not know how he received his injuries, whether he fell or was pushed from a train or was struck while on the track. He was found soon after No. 32 passed, and it is thought that he received his injuries by that train, but just how will probably never be known.

### Church Directory For Tomorrow.

First Baptist Church, Market street, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m., S. P. Willis, superintendent; lesson subject, "Paul, the Prisoner, Before Festus and Agrippa." 11 a. m., morning worship. Sermon subject, "The Point at Issue." 7:30 p. m., evening worship. Sermon subject, "Almost Persuaded." Monday, October 25, 4 p. m., Sunbeam meeting. Tuesday, October 26,

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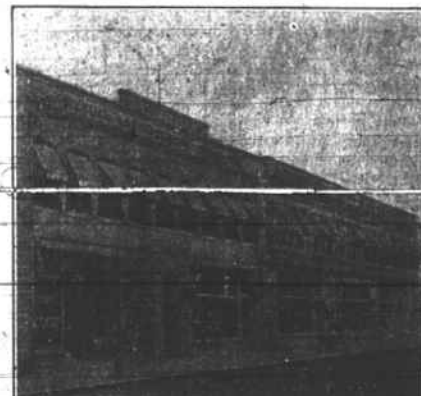
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