

Chapter 26

In that honourable Audience being permitted to speake, 2. he declareth to the King what he firft was, 12. and how miraculoufly he was conuerted, 19. and that he hath preached fince, as he was commanded from Heauen, and as the Prophets had foretold of Chrif. 24. Which ftrange tale Fefus the Heathen Prefident hearing, faith that he is mad. 25. But Paul anfwereth, & exhorteth them al to be Chriftiãs as he is. 30. They finally pronounce that he might be fet at libertie, but only for his appeale.

Bvt Agrippa faid to Paul: Thou art permitted to speake for thy felf. Then Paul ftretching forth his hand, began to make his anfwer:

² Touching al things whereof I am accused of the Iewes, King Agrippa, I account my felf happie for that I am to defend my felf this day before thee, ³ efpecially whereas thou knoweft al things that are among the Iewes, cuftomes and queftions: for the which caufe I befeech thee, heare me patiently. ⁴ And my life truly from my youth, which was from the beginning in my Nation in Hierufalem, al the Iewes doe know: ⁵ knowing me before from the beginning (if they wil giue teftimonie) that according to the moft fure feft of our religion I liued a Pharifee. ⁶ And now for the hope of the promife that was made of God to our Fathers, doe I ftand fubieft to iudgement: ⁷ the which, our twelue Tribes feruing night and day, hope to come vnto. Of the which hope, o King, I am accused of the Iewes. ⁸ What incredible thing is it iudged with you, if God raife the dead? ⁹ And my felf truly had thought that I ought to doe againft the name of IESVS of Nazareth many contrarie things. ¹⁰ Which alfo I did at Hierufalem, and many of the Saints did I fhut vp in prifons, hauing receiued authoritie of the cheefe Priests: and when they were put to death, I brought the fentence. ¹¹ And throughout al the Synagogues oftentimes punifhing them, I compelled them to blafpheme: and yet more mad againft them

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Act. 8, 3.

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I perfecuted them euen vnto forraine cities. ¹² Among
Act. 9, 3. which things whiles I went to Damafcus with author-
itie and permiffion of the cheefe Priefts, ¹³ at mid-day,
in the way, I faw (o King) from Heauen a light to haue
fhined round about me and them that were in com-
panie with me, aboue the brightnes of the funne. ¹⁴ And
when al we were fallen downe on the ground, I heard a
voice fpeaking to me in the Hebrew tongue: Saul, Saul,
why perfecuteft thou me? It is hard for thee to kicke
againft the pricke. ¹⁵ And I faid: Who art thou Lord?
And our Lord answered: I am IESVS whom thou doeft
perfecute. ¹⁶ But rife vp and ftand vpon thy feet: for
to this end haue I appeared to thee, that I may ordaine
thee a Minifter and witnes of thofe things which thou
haft feen, and of thofe things wherein I wil appeare to
thee, ¹⁷ deliuering thee out of the peoples and Nations
vnto the which now I fend thee, ¹⁸ to open their eyes,
that they may be conuerted from darkenes to light, and
from the power of Satan to God, that they may receiue
remiffion of finnes, and lot among the Saints by the faith
that is in me. ¹⁹ Whereupon, King Agrippa, I was not
incredulous to the heauenly vifion: ²⁰ but to them firft
that are at Damafcus, and at Hierufalem, and vnto al
Act. 9, 20. the countrie of Iewrie, and to the Gentils did I preach
that they fhould doe ^apenance, & turne to God, doing
workes worthie of penance. ²¹ For this caufe the Iewes,
Act. 21, 30. when I was in the Temple, apprehending me, attempted
meaning to kil me. ²² But aided by the help of God, I
ftand vntil this day, teftifying to fmal & to great, fay-
ing nothing befide thofe things which the Prophets did
fpeake fhould come to paffe, & Moyfes; ²³ if CHRIST were
paffible, if the firft of the refurrection from the dead, he
were to fhew light to the people and to the Gentils.

²⁴ As he fpake thefe things and made his anfwer,
Festus with a loud voice faid: Thou art mad, Paul; much
learning turneth thee to madneffe. ²⁵ And Paul faid: I
am not mad, moft excellent Festus; but I fpeake words
of veritie & fobrietie. ²⁶ For the King knoweth of thefe

^a Penāce often inculcated, and workes agreeable to the fame.

things, to whom also I speake constantly. For I thinke none of these things to be vnknownen to him. For neither was any of these things done in a corner. ²⁷ Beleeueft thou the Prophets, King Agrippa? I know that thou beleeueft. ²⁸ And Agrippa said to Paul: A litle thou persuadest me to become a CHRISTIAN. ²⁹ And Paul said: I wish of God, both in litle, and in much, not only thee, but also al that heare this day, to become such as I am also, except these bands. ³⁰ And the King rose vp, and the Prefident, and Bernice, and they that fate by them. ³¹ And going aside, they spake among themselues, saying: That this man hath done nothing worthie of death or bands. ³² And Agrippa said to Festus: This man might be releafed, if he had not appealed to Cæsar.