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The Blind Leading the Blind

Acts 25:13-27

I. The Scandalous Nature of Sin (vv. 13-14)

A. King Agrippa's _____ life (v. 13a)
[Matt. 2:1-19; Lk. 1:5; Mk. 6:14-29; Lk. 13:31-33; 23:7-12; Acts 12:1-3, 22-33]

B. King Agrippa's _____ life (v. 13b)
[Acts 25:13; 26:30; Lev. 18:9]

C. King Agrippa's _____ in Judaism (v. 14)
[Acts 26:3; Rom. 3:23; Deut. 12:31; Hab. 1:13; 1 Jn. 1:5; Jms. 2:10; Prov. 26:11; 2 Pet. 2:22]

II. The Deceptive Rationalization of Sin (vv. 15-22)

A. The _____ of the Jewish leaders (vv. 15-19)
[Acts 25:3, 4-5, 7-8; 24:20-21; 17:30-31]

B. The _____ of Festus (vv. 20-22)
[Acts 25:10-11; Psa. 51:5; Rom. 3:10-12; Matt. 15:19-20; Lk. 6:45; Jms. 4:1-3; Rom. 8:7-8; Jer. 17:9]

1. We try to _____ up (Gen. 3:7)

2. We try to _____ ourselves (Gen. 3:12)

3. We can be _____ to our own sin (Psa. 19:12-13; 139:23-24)

III. The Prideful Display of Sin (vv. 23-27)

A. The _____ and circumstance of Agrippa and Bernice (v. 23)
[2 Cor. 10:10; Prov. 19:1; 1 Cor. 3:18-19]

B. The self-focused and outward-focused _____ of Festus (vv. 24-27)
[Acts 23:9, 29; 26:31; Prov. 11:2; 16:5]

TAKE HOME

- How can you make sure that you are not being led _____ by the blind?
- How can you _____ yourself against the rationalization of sin?
- What are some ways you can keep your pride in _____?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Acts 25:13. What are your thoughts about King Agrippa II’s family background? How might this have affected him? Are you impacted by your family heritage? (Matt. 2:1-19; Lk. 1:5; Mk. 6:14-29; Lk. 13:31-33; 23:7-12; Acts 12:1-3, 22-33)

2. Read Acts 25:13; 26:30; Lev. 18:9. What do these passages teach us about Agrippa’s personal and private life? What do Scriptures teach about this? Can one separate their public life from their private life?

3. Read Acts 25:14. What was King Agrippa’s place in Judaism? How can we all be affected by sin, even more than we think? What is our way out? (Acts 26:3; Rom. 3:23; Deut. 12:31; Hab. 1:13; 1 Jn. 1:5; Jms. 2:10; Prov. 26:11; 2 Pet. 2:22)

4. Read Acts 25:15-19. How were the Jewish leaders deceived? What should they have been doing? Why weren’t they? (Acts 25:3, 4-5, 7-8; 24:20-21; 17:30-31)

5. Read Acts 25:20-22. What do we continue to learn about Festus in these verses? How do we so often try to rationalize our own sin? (Acts 25:10-11; Psa. 51:5; Rom. 3:10-12; Matt. 15:19-20; Lk. 6:45; Jms. 4:1-3; Rom. 8:7-8; Jer. 17:9)

6. Read Acts 25:23-27. How is Agrippa and Bernice’s pride placed on display? How did Festus flatter himself and then them? How do these cross references given here help keep us in check?(2 Cor. 10:10; Prov. 19:1; 1 Cor. 3:18-19; Acts 23:9, 29; 26:31; Prov. 11:2; 16:5)

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenged you or encouraged you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently based on what you learned from this passage?

“It seems incredible that all of this pomp and ceremony was because of one little Jewish man who preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ!”

- *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*