The Sermon That Made a Governor Tremble
Acts 24:24-27

Introduction:
A. Felix, Roman governor of Judea (53-60 A.D).
   1. Drucilla, his third wife, daughter of Herod Agrippa I.
   2. Held Paul prisoner for two years.
B. Felix badly needed all three points in Paul’s sermon:

Discussion:
I. “Righteousness”
   A. Felix was unrighteous.
      1. Given to bribery (v. 26)
      2. Governed by political expediency (v. 27)
   B. Righteousness is doing right for its own sake.
      1. Based on word of God (Psa. 119:172)
      2. Doing right toward God (Matt. 6:1-18)
      3. Doing right toward others.
          a. Enemies (Mt. 5:43-48)
          b. Citizens to rulers - vice versa (Rom. 13:5)
          d. Husband to wife - vice versa (Eph. 5:22-25).
          e. Servants to masters - vice versa (Eph. 6:5-9)

II. “Temperance” (Self-control)
   A. Felix was self-indulgent – needed self-control.
      1. Restraint
      2. Direction
   B. Self-control often surrendered to other forces
      1. Drugs and alcohol (cf. Eph. 5:18).
      2. Provocations. (Psa. 106:32, 33)
      3. Emotion and passions.
      4. Peer-pressure - not limited to youth (Barnabas - Gal. 2:13)

III. “Judgment”
   A. Felix had reason to be afraid of judgment.
   B. Every sinner ought to be afraid.
      1. Sinful words (Mt. 12:36-37).
      2. Sinful deeds (2 Cor. 5:10).
      4. Lost forever (Mt. 25:32-41)
   C. Saved have no reason to fear judgment (cf. 1 John 4:17).

Conclusion:
A. The governor’s reaction.
   1. Trembled
   2. Procrastinated.
B. What is your reaction?

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