

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 23 12-22



Away from me, you wicked!
I will keep the commandments of my God.
Psalm 119:115

Praising:

Keep our religion from poison and
stain,
and let us not use it for glory or
gain;
in truer perspective our vision
restore
as you and you only we exalt and
adore.

Reading:

Acts 23:12-22
A plot on Paul's life

The plot by more than forty
would-be murderers is a chilling
indication of just how threatened
the Jews in Jerusalem felt by the
presence and testimony of Paul.
The readiness of the Jewish
hierarchy to conspire in the killing
vindicates Paul's public
judgement on their hypocrisy. To
set the trap, the Jewish leaders
must persuade the Romans that

they want access to Paul for
more questioning. Before they
can do so however, word of the
ambush reaches Paul's nephew.
Paul must have come to trust the
soldiers, at least to treat his case
legally and fairly, and so he
suggests that his nephew report
his story directly to the tribune.
The message fully passed on,
Paul's nephew is dismissed
under orders not to reveal to
anyone that the tribune is fully
abreast of the deadly conspiracy
now in place.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord we pray for honesty and
integrity for those set in authority
over us

- free our decision-makers from
bias and corruption to serve
the public good
- lift our politicians above
thoughts of self-serving and
self-preservation at all costs
- protect our spiritual leaders
from every temptation to
depart from your justice and
peace

Father: make me honest, make
me true, make me someone
people can trust – especially
when I feel the temptation to take
the quick way out and try and
make things easier for myself.
Amen

Doing:

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