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Coming back to the lesson I read you this morning and studying the human element in the passage, it is quite interesting to one who is keeping abreast with the times in which we live and hearing the complaint of people thruout the world to see that these conditions existed back yonder when this Book was written. We are continually hearing people say it is hard to get justice, that graft is everywhere in our courts today. We see the same thing back in this section of the Roman government that controlled the part of Palestine in which Paul was. The Roman governor was continually sending for Paul in the hope that money would be offered to release this prisoner.

And then when we think of how slow the courts are sometimes today in meting out justice and then we go back and see this, we realize that here is a person that was kept a prisoner for two years. It is a great deal longer than a person can be kept today without a trial. In America that kind of a thing could not exist for the prisoner could take out a writ of habeas corpus and demand a trial or that just cause be given why he should be kept. Graft and slowness of the courts are two things people are complaining of today.

Of course, the religious controversy which has been going on over our country enters into Paul's case as we see these people were not able to agree but after all we are better in our courts than people were two thousand years ago.

And those people who are continually harping back to those good old days are simply not acquainted with what those days were. I am glad I am living today instead of then and I believe that you are.

---Robert H. Wright, President