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THE SOUL'S SAFE HARBOR

(Acts 9:15-16) is a preview of Paul's coming attractions.

In a court appearance, being a Roman citizen, Paul appeals to Caesar: (Acts 25:10-12; 26:32 - 27:1)

This lesson looks at Paul's cruise from Caesarea to Rome: (Acts 27)

1. THAT SHIP NEEDED A SAFE HARBOR

They began to experience difficulties at sea: (v7, v9)

For us, times will come when we (v15) "could not face the wind ... were driven"
and we need a "safe harbor."

2. HARBORS THAT WERE NOT SAFE IN THIS JOURNEY

1) (v8) "We came to a place called Fair Havens"

(v12) "the harbor was not suitable to winter in"
Our world will also advertise to us a safe place to anchor our life and soul.

2) Government: Agrippa, Festus, and Julius the centurion

(Acts 26:32 - 27:1) even these could not calm the storm and provide safety.
(Psalm 147:10-11; Romans 1:16)

3) SKILL AND SEAMANSHIP

(v11) "the helmsman and the owner of the ship" and (v37) "276 on board"
(Proverbs 3:5-6; 28:26; Jeremiah 10:23)

4) POSSESSIONS

(v18-19) "they lightened the ship ... threw the ship's tackle overboard" (v38)
(Matthew 16:26) "... or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

5) GIVE UP HOPE

(v20) "no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved
was finally given up." (v29) "wished for the day"
One saying, "Maybe I'll just get lucky in judgment" is not a safe-harbor.

3. THE SOUL'S SAFE HARBOR

(v25) "take heart, men, for I believe that it will be just as it was told me" - Yes!
(Psalm 121:1-4, v7-8; 127:1; John 6:67-69)