

sermon notes

March 15, 2026 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church | **No Other Name**
"Paul's Promise: This Road Leads to Rome" | **Acts 27:39–28:16**

1) A Promise Under _____ (27:39–44)

2) A Promise on _____ (28:1–10)

3) A Promise on _____ (28:11–16)

Seven Promises of God:

1) Comfort in the midst of _____ (2 Cor 1:3–4; Ps 34:18)

2) Salvation by _____ (Rom 10:9)

3) Our completion and _____ (Phil 1:6)

4) The daily _____ of our sins (Heb 4:14–16; 1 John 1:9)

5) To hear our _____ (1 John 5:14–15)

6) Rest for weary _____ (Matt 11:28–29)

7) Imperishable _____ to come (1 Cor 15:50–55)

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 27:39–28:16. God promised Paul that he would testify in Rome (Acts 23:11). But it took Paul more than two years to get there! Also he encountered a number of crises along the way. Why did God allow Paul to go through that before fulfilling his promise? Why do you think God had Paul go through Malta on his way to Rome?

Why did the soldiers want to execute the prisoners (27:42)? Do you think they took any stock in what Paul had told them earlier (Acts 27:24–25, 33–34)? Why do you think Julius wanted to spare Paul?

What do you think Paul was feeling when he finally entered Rome? Why is it significant that the "brothers" came to visit him on the final leg of his journey (28:15)? What can we conclude about God's promises in light of all that happened to Paul in Acts 27–28?

GET PERSONAL

The island natives concluded (superstitiously?) that Paul must have been a murderer, because after surviving the shipwreck, he was bitten by a poisonous snake (28:4). Why is their logic flawed? Do we tend to apply similar logic in our world? Do bad things happen to good people? If so, how do we reconcile that biblically?

What do you think took place while Paul was visiting with the brothers in Puteoli (28:13–14)? What did they discuss? Why did he stay with them for seven days? Does it seem that everywhere Paul goes he is eager to meet with and encourage churches? Why is that significant for us in our day?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Review the seven promises of God listed above. Add to this list additional promises that God has given us. Which promises in the Bible are limited to specific people in the pages of Scripture? Make a similar list of promises that are exclusive to Israel, the NT Apostles, the early church, etc.

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Search and list all of the biblical passages that deal with healing. What's the relationship between faith and healing? Why were healings so prevalent in the book of Acts? Would you agree with the church fathers who concluded that God will often use a surge of miracles in a pagan context to spread the gospel quickly, whereas in a culture that is already evangelized miracles are less prevalent? Should we pray for healing in our day? If so, how should we pray for healing?