

I AM READY

ROMANS 1

Text: Romans 1:15

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Introduction:

We looked this morning at Paul's mission, which was "That I may know Him." This evening we will consider what I would consider Paul's motto, "I am ready.

The Lord Jesus no sooner called to him out of heaven, "Saul, why persecutest thou me?" than he answered, "art thou, Lord?" Almost directly after, his question was, "What wilt thou have me to do?" He was no sooner converted, than he was ready for holy service; and "he preached Christ" in the synagogues at Damascus. All through his life, whatever happened to him, he was always ready. If he had to speak to crowds in the street, he had the fitting word; or if to the elite upon Mars' hill, he was ready for the philosophers. If he talked to the Pharisees, he knew how to address them; and when he was brought before the Sanhedrim, he knew how to avail himself of their mutual jealousies to help his own escape.

See him before Felix, before Festus, before Agrippa, he is always ready; and when he came to stand before Nero, God was with him, and delivered him out of the mouth of the lion.

If you find him on board ship, he is ready to comfort men in the storm; and when he gets on shore, a shipwrecked prisoner, he is ready to gather sticks, to help to make the fires.

At all points he is an all-round man, and an all-ready man; always ready to go wherever his Master sends him, and to do whatever his Lord appoints him.

1. HIS READINESS

A. Ready to serve (Rom. 1:15)

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B. Ready to suffer (Acts 21:13)

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Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

C. Ready to sound forth truth. (2 Cor. 10:6)

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And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

D. Ready to see Jesus. (2 Tim 4:6)

2 Tim. 4:6

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2. HIS REASON

A. In Preaching - A Solemn Conviction of the Truth.

B. In Suffering - Paul was completely consecrated to the Lord.

C. In Discipline - In not concerning himself with the praise of men, but pleasing God.

D. In Death - He had finished all that God had given him to do.

3. HIS RESULTS

- A. It prevents surprise.
- B. It prevents loss of time and opportunity.
- C. It removes all fear of death.