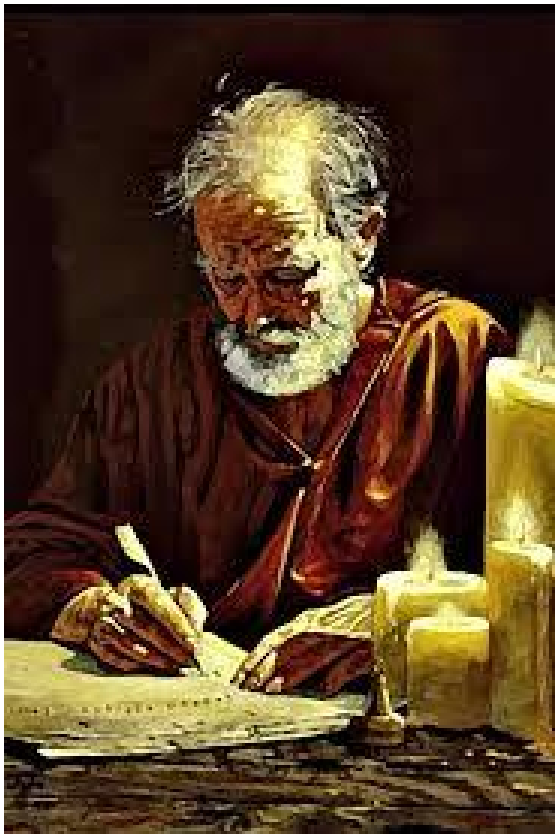
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Paul’s Affairs
1: 12-26



What follows **Paul’s** introductory words (**to see link click Aj – Paul’s Introductory Matters**) is commonplace in letters of friendship. The writer informs the recipient(s) about his or her own situation – often with the very words **the apostle** uses here. This material is usually brief, but in **Paul’s** case it is quite long **(verses 12-26)**, and as with so many of **Paul’s** letters, **he** focuses on **the Good News**. What begins, typically for such material, as a word to relieve **the Philippians** of any anxiety (see **Ao – Paul in Chains**) thus evolves into a word about the current spread of **the Gospel** (see **Ap – Paul’s Critics**), followed by a reflection on **his** desires and expectations regarding **his** long-awaited appeal to Caesar (see **Aq – Life is in Messiah, to Die is Gain**). If it were to result in **his**

death, that would mean that **he** had reached the goal of **his** life – **Yeshua Himself** – and if the choice were **his**, **he** would choose that route. But whatever happens **Paul** encouraged **the Philippians to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Messiah** (see **At – Walking Worthy**).[32]