

Romans 7:13-25
Masks Off
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Introduction: Jonathan Edwards journal resolution, reflecting the purpose of the apostle Paul.

Key Question: Why does Paul speak so transparently?

Answer: Paul removes all masks to reveal the priestly heart that supports his prophetic voice.

- I. Answering the controversy of who is behind Paul's mask.
 - a. Whom do I think?
Paul's life as a conscientious Jew before Christ.
 - b. Why do I think this?
 - i. Paul says what any honest Jew should say (v12-19)
 - ii. Paul says what no informed Christian can say (v14,18)
Why does Paul so speak of his past in the present tense? He is revealing...
- II. A Priestly voice
 - a. A lament of discovery (v13-14)
 - b. A lament of Dismay (v15)
 - c. A lament of Disgust (v16-19)
 - d. A lament of Desperation (v20-22)
- III. A prophetic Voice
The voice commands
 - a. A Community without masks (v22-23)
 - b. A community without fences (v24)
 - c. A community without Hopelessness (v25)