

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: The Acts of the Apostles

Quote from *Church History*: “I have found by long experience that the severest threatenings of the **Law** of God have a prominent place in leading men to Christ. They **must** see themselves lost before they will cry for mercy. **They will not escape from danger until they see it.**”

- A. B. Earle (1812-1895, *American Evangelist* born in Charlton, New York, saved at age 16, began to preach at age 18, was ordained at age 21, after pastoring 5 years, he felt led of the Lord to enter the evangelistic ministry. 58 years of his life were spent in holding meetings in the US, every state, and Canada. He compiled the following statistics: Number of series of meetings: 960; Number of services: 39,330; Miles traveled: 370,000; Total \$ received for 64 years of ministry: \$65,520.00; Conversions to Christ: 160,000; Men entering the ministry: 400.)

Scriptures for Today: Acts 9:1-18 Saul’s Conversion – the Apostle to the Gentiles gets saved!

NOTES**PRINCIPLES**

1. Saul aggressively set his life **AGAINST** Jesus Christ and ***His church***. 9:1-2

- ✓ Saul was **zealous** to **destroy** the church...
Acts 7:58; 8:1; 22:20; Galatians 1:13, 23
- ✓ Saul secured **letters** from the high priest to continue to do so at Damascus...
Acts 9:13-14; John 14:6; Acts 22:4

2. Saul was confronted by **the Lord Jesus Christ** – **HIMSELF** – ***as he journeyed***. 9:3-5

- ✓ A **light** shined round about him from heaven and he **fell** to the earth...
Psalm 104:2; 1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 21:23; 22:5
- ✓ He **saw Christ** and heard His **audible voice** – a unique **personal** encounter...
John 18:6; Genesis 3:9; 18:6; 22:11; Exodus 3:4; 1 Samuel 3:10; Luke 10:41; 22:31; Acts 26:14,15
- ✓ Jesus charged him with **crimes against Him** – as holy God and the resurrected Saviour...
Acts 26:9; 1 Timothy 1:13; Isaiah 45:9; Psalm 2:12; Ecclesiastes 12:11; Romans 3:19-20 (Rom 1-7)

NOTE As we later learn from Romans 7, Saul was being tormented by the Law (the Commandments) and was at this point no doubt under the heavy weight and condemnation of it – for he said in Rom 7:9-13, “but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good...But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.” It was at this time in his life that we learn that he was under such great condemnation and conviction by his conscience of the judgment of God, and the Law of God, and his crimes against God’s Christ and Son Jesus. It was at this point of desperation and the grave reality of what he had done, that we find that he had nowhere to turn but to the Savior of the world who had paid the price for his crimes on the cross of Calvary and then rose again defeating sin and death!!

NOTE It is important to note that modern versions have omitted a large portion of verse 5 from the Holy Bible.

BEWARE: Things that are <i>not the same</i> are <u>different</u>.	
<u>KJV</u>	Acts 9:5 – And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: <i>it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.</i>
<u>NIV</u>	Acts 9:5 – “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied.
<u>NASB</u>	Acts 9:5 – And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He <i>said</i> , “I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

3. Saul, fearing and trembling before a holy God, ***believed*** and **REPENTED** in his heart and ***confessed*** with his mouth the ***Lordship*** of Jesus Christ. 9:6-9

- ✓ He ***repented*** and ***believed*** – and ***immediately yielded*** his ***will*** and life to Christ as ***Lord!***
Isaiah 6:1-9; Acts 26:19; 17:30-31; Romans 10:9-13; 2 Timothy 2:22-26; 2 Peter 3:3-10

NOTE It is important to note that modern versions have omitted a large portion of verse 6 – including the word “Lord” – from the Holy Bible. Now, you have to ask yourself why would they go and do a thing like that?!? They have violated the Holy Scriptures (Rev 22:18-19) and have removed holy words from God’s holy Book! What is even more startling is that they have removed the very words that point to Saul’s repentance and surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ!! Beware and do not be fooled by the smooth words and fair speeches of the scholars of our day – this is the Devil to keep the world blinded!

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<u>KJV</u>	Acts 9:6 – And he trembling and astonished said, Lord , what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
<u>NIV</u>	Acts 9:6 – “Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”
<u>NASB</u>	Acts 9:6 – “but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.”

4. God used Ananias – a **COMMON**, ***faithful disciple*** – to guide Saul’s ***obedience***. 9:10-18

- ✓ Ananias was ***sensitive to the Lord’s leading*** and ***obeyed*** when He was called upon...
Acts 8:26, 11; 10:20
- ✓ God told Ananias that He had ***an incredible plan*** for Saul’s life...
Acts 13:22, 25, 36; Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Ephesians 4:10-12
- ✓ Saul ***received his sight***, was ***filled with the Holy Spirit*** and was ***baptized*** by Ananias...
2 Timothy 2:2; 1 Timothy 3:10, 14, 16-17; Psalm 1:1-6; 1 Samuel 15:22

PRACTICES

- Unbeliever**, listen to the voice of your **conscience** ***right now***.
✓ Have you ***repented*** of your sins and ***put your faith*** in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation?
- Believer**, what did the ***Holy Spirit of God*** speak to you about through His ***Holy Bible***?
✓ What ***one thing*** does God want you to ***do*** or ***repent of*** right now?