



WHO ARE THOU LORD?

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *Acts 9:1-21*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

We need to get to know the Lord by reading and hearing His Word and being filled with His Holy Spirit.

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? (John 14:8-9)

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. We may have our own plans, but the Lord directs our steps (*Job 23:11; Psalm 37:23-24; Proverbs 3:5-6,16:9; Acts 9:1-5*).
2. If we listen to the Lord, we will turn from our wrong paths and evil deeds (*Proverbs 3:7-8; Jeremiah 23:22; Acts 9:6-9*).
3. The Lord chooses who will work for Him and how (*Acts 9:13-16; Ephesians 4:11-12; II Timothy 1:9*).
4. The Lord knew us before we were born and has a plan in place for each one of us who love the Lord and is called according to His purpose (*Romans 8:28-29; Ephesians 1:4-12*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

The road to hell is paved with good intentions (*Proverbs 14:12*). Some people honestly believe that they are serving the

Lord, but have no idea who He is, or what He wants from them (*Matthew 7:21-23*). They believe that they are doing God's work but rely on their own knowledge and strength instead of the Lord's (*II Chronicles 16:4-6*). We must always remember to be led of the Lord's Spirit and keep in mind that we represent Jesus and His teachings wherever we may be, and whatever we may be doing (*Colossians 3:17*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

Saul was bent on threatening and killing the Lord's people and received authority to capture any followers of Jesus (*Acts 9:1-2*). Saul thought he was doing God's work by persecuting the followers of Jesus. It wasn't until God smote him down and told Saul who He was that Saul finally understood that Jesus is God (*Acts 9:3-7*). Saul was blinded and had nothing to eat or drink for three days while in Damascus (*Acts 9:8-9*). A disciple sent by the Lord named Ananias put his hands on Saul and his sight was restored, and was filled with the Holy Ghost and baptized (*Acts 9:10-18*). Once Saul was fully recovered, he immediately preached Jesus Christ in the synagogues that He was "the Son of God" which amazed all those who remembered how Saul used to be (*Acts 9:19-21*). The Lord has the final say in everything that happens (*Proverbs 16:9*). We may have our own opinions and differ about the Lord's work or the people that the Lord chooses. In the end, our opinions will not matter because ultimately it is the Lord's will (*Ephesians 4:11-12; Acts 9:13-16*). We just need to listen to the Lord and not to our own opinions or pride, and let the Lord have His way (*Jeremiah 23:22; Acts 9*). Remember, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves and will ultimately do the work that needs to be done, using whomever He chooses to His will and to His own honor and glory! (*Romans 8:28-29*)

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