

The Accounts of Paul's Damascus Road experience in the New Testament
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I. **Acts 9:1-19:**

- a. 1 But Saul, yet breathing threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,
- b. 2 and asked of him letters to Damascus unto the synagogues, that if he found any that were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- c. 3 And as he journeyed, it came to pass that he drew nigh unto Damascus: and suddenly there shone round about him a light out of heaven:
- d. 4 and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- e. 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest:
- f. 6 but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.
- g. 7 And the men that journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but beholding no man.
- h. 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing; and they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.
- i. 9 And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.
- j. 10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and the Lord said unto him in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.
- k. 11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus: for behold, he prayeth;
- l. 12 and he hath seen a man named Ananias coming in, and laying his hands on him, that he might receive his sight.
- m. 13 But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how much evil he did to thy saints at Jerusalem:
- n. 14 and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call upon thy name.
- o. 15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings, and the children of Israel:
- p. 16 for I will show him how many things he must suffer for my name's sake.
- q. 17 And Ananias departed, and entered into the house; and laying his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, who appeared unto thee in the way which thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mayest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- r. 18 And straightway there fell from his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight; and he arose and was baptized;
- s. 19 and he took food and was strengthened. And he was certain days with the disciples that were at Damascus.

II. **Acts 22:3-21: [when Paul was accused of taking Gentiles into the temple]**

- a. 3 I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God, even as ye all are this day:
- b. 4 and I persecuted this Way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.
- c. 5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and journeyed to Damascus to bring them also that were there unto Jerusalem in bonds to be punished.
- d. 6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew nigh unto Damascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

- e. 7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?
- f. 8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.
- g. 9 And they that were with me beheld indeed the light, but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.
- h. 10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.
- i. 11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me I came into Damascus.
- j. 12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well reported of by all the Jews that dwelt there,
- k. 13 came unto me, and standing by me said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And in that very hour I looked up on him.
- l. 14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath appointed thee to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear a voice from his mouth.
- m. 15 For thou shalt be a witness for him unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.
- n. 16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name.
- o. 17 And it came to pass, that, when I had returned to Jerusalem, and while I prayed in the temple, I fell into a trance,
- p. 18 and saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem; because they will not receive of thee testimony concerning me.
- q. 19 And I said, Lord, they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:
- r. 20 and when the blood of Stephen thy witness was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting, and keeping the garments of them that slew him.
- s. 21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee forth far hence unto the Gentiles.

III. Acts 26:9-23: [Paul before Agrippa]

- a. 9 I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
- b. 10 And this I also did in Jerusalem: and I both shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death I gave my vote against them.
- c. 11 And punishing them oftentimes in all the synagogues, I strove to make them blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto foreign cities.
- d. 12 Whereupon as I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests,
- e. 13 at midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them that journeyed with me.
- f. 14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying unto me in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the goad.
- g. 15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.
- h. 16 But arise, and stand upon thy feet: for to this end have I appeared unto thee, to appoint thee a minister and a witness both of the things wherein thou hast seen me, and of the things wherein I will appear unto thee;
- i. 17 delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom I send thee,

- j. 18 to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me.
- k. 19 Wherefore, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:
- l. 20 but declared both to them of Damascus first and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judaea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance.
- m. 21 For this cause the Jews seized me in the temple, and assayed to kill me.
- n. 22 Having therefore obtained the help that is from God, I stand unto this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses did say should come;
- o. 23 how that the Christ must suffer, and how that he first by the resurrection of the dead should proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles.

IV. Gal. 1:11-24

- a. 11 For I make known to you, brethren, as touching the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not after man.
- b. 12 For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ.
- c. 13 For ye have heard of my manner of life in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and made havoc of it:
- d. 14 and I advanced in the Jews' religion beyond many of mine own age among my countrymen, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.
- e. 15 But when it was the good pleasure of God, who separated me, even from my mother's womb, and called me through his grace,
- f. 16 to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the Gentiles; straightway I conferred not with flesh and blood:
- g. 17 neither went I up to Jerusalem to them that were apostles before me: but I went away into Arabia; and again I returned unto Damascus.
- h. 18 Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas, and tarried with him fifteen days.
- i. 19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.
- j. 20 Now touching the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.
- k. 21 Then I came unto the regions of Syria and Cilicia.
- l. 22 And I was still unknown by face unto the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:
- m. 23 but they only heard say, He that once persecuted us now preacheth the faith of which he once made havoc;
- n. 24 and they glorified God in me.

V. I Cor. 9:1 (sort of)

- a. 1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not ye my work in the Lord?

VI. I Cor. 15:8-10

- a. 8 and last of all, as to the child untimely born, he appeared to me also.
- b. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- c. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

VII. I Tim. 1:12-17

- a. 12 I thank him that enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me to his service;
- b. 13 though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief;

- c. 14 and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.
- d. 15 Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief:
- e. 16 howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me as chief might Jesus Christ show forth all his longsuffering, for an ensample of them that should thereafter believe on him unto eternal life.
- f. 17 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.