

## Daily Devotional, November 24, 2020

### “Lessons from the Conversion of Saul”, (Acts 9:3-9, NKJV)

*“As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.” (Acts 9:3-9)*

The Apostle Paul, formerly known as Saul, had a most amazing conversion experience. Some of you may be able to point to an amazing moment when God brought you to your knees and saved your soul. Others of you may have had a less dramatic Christian conversion. Let us consider this amazing event of record.

1. **“a light shone around him”**, the Shekinah Glory, the visible manifestation of the glory of God
2. **“heard a voice”**, the Bat Kol, the audible manifestation of God
3. **“he fell to the ground”**, every knee will bow before this same **“Jesus”**, some willingly and some under protest, but all nonetheless (**Philippians 2:9-11**)
4. **“kick against the goads”**, as animals are prone to do when they are tied up, injuring themselves every time they kick
5. **“Lord, what do you want me to do? Then Saul arose”**, first conversion and then devoted service, is this true of you or do you serve God less than you know you ought? See **Luke 9:23** and **Romans 12:1-2**.
6. **“hearing a voice but seeing no one”**, the bystanders do not see things as the converted man sees, the experience of conversion is an individual one, between one man or woman and the Lord
7. Saul was struck blind, but now he sees spiritually! **“If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains”** (John 9:41).
8. Seeing the Resurrected Jesus qualified Paul as an Apostle (**1 Corinthians 15:1-9**).

Friend, none of us has had exactly the same conversion as another. But all Christians have met God in their spirit. What has the Lord qualified you for in Christian service? Seeing as how God has done such a great thing in you, Christian friend, what is your response? Have you forgotten the day of your salvation or lost your first love? If anyone has not come to God through faith in Jesus on the basis of the blood of His cross, perhaps today the Lord is coming to call. Receive His salvation today.