

Aha Moments

Has Your Life Been Turned Upside Down?

1) Acts 9:1 – 2

Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

- a. Why was Saul so strongly against the followers of Jesus?
- b. Why are people who don't know God often angry with Him?

2) Acts 9:3 - 5

³ As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵ 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."

3) Acts 22:6

⁶ "Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me.

- a. What light is brighter than the noon day sun?
- b. How did Saul know that the Lord God was in that light?
- c. When the Voice said that He was Jesus, did that rock Saul's world?
- d. What goad was Saul kicking against? What do we kick against?

4) Acts 9:7 - 9

⁷ And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸ 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. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

a. What do you think the men with Saul thought as they stood speechless, hearing the voice from heaven?

5) Acts 9:10 - 18

¹⁰ Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

¹¹ So the Lord *said* to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. ¹² And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

¹³ Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake."

¹⁷ And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

a. Ananias did not want to go see Saul because of his reputation, but Ananias obeyed Jesus and went anyway. Does God ask us to do things we don't want to do sometimes? Do blessings result when we follow his voice?

b. Ananias called Saul "brother". What had to happen in Ananias' heart for him to accept Saul as his brother? What happened to Saul that made him Ananias' brother?

c. Saul was blind for 3 days. What does that correspond to?

d. Scales fell from Saul's eyes when Ananias laid hands on him. What do you think these scales were?

e. What about Saul's view was changed by this experience? Do you think that it's fair to say that his world was turned upside down?