

THE PREACHER'S NOTEBOOK

*Ecclesiastes 12:10 The preacher sought to find out acceptable words:
and that which was written was upright, even words of truth.*

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BEHOLD, HE PRAYETH. File name is "beholdheprayeth."

Acts 9:

- 10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.**
- 11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,**
- 12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.**
- 13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:**
- 14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.**
- 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:**

Our text is

Acts 9:11 "... behold, he prayeth ..."

This is a powerful verse, full of meaning.

We see here

- 1. An Assignment of Reason**
- 2. The Amazement of Conversion
& An Announcement of Celebration**
- 3. An Assertion of Faith**

The points will build to a powerful conclusion.

I. THERE IS AN ASSIGNMENT OF REASON

**God doesn't have to give us a reason
when He tells us to do something,
but He is a reasonable God,
and He always has a reason.**

**Ananias is being asked to do a difficult thing,
and God gives him a reason.**

Acts 9:11 “.. for, behold, he prayeth, ..”

**Several Greek words are used
for our English word “for.”
The one used in this instance,
and in many instances, is**

**1063. gar which means
... , assigning a reason
(used in argument,
explanation or intensification;
often with other particles):--
and, as, because (that),
..., seeing, then, therefore, ...**

**God always has a reason.
He is the Logos, and He has always has logic.**

**See the logic in the assignment of reason
in this instance.**

**Paul is praying;
he needs someone to minister to him.**

You will be ok; he won't hurt you.

**Real praying people
who are really in touch with God
don't do mean despicable acts
to God's children,
so he won't hurt you.**

**Go minister to him;
He's praying & seeking;
he will receive.
Acts 9:11 “... behold, he prayeth ...”**

II. There is the
AMAZEMENT OF CONVERSION
& ANNOUNCEMENT OF CELEBRATION.

Acts 9:11 “... behold, he prayeth ...”

**One previously driven to destruction
is now devoted to Diety.**

**You know,
God has numerous ways
of coping with those who oppose His church.**

- 1. He can create confusion for them.**

**Give them problems
so that they stop creating problems.**

or

- 2. He can convert them - as He did with Paul.**

**So I see in the verse
THE AMAZEMENT OF CONVERSION
& THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CELEBRATION**

Acts 9:11 “... behold, he prayeth ...”

III. There is the **ASSERTION OF FAITH**

Acts 9:11 “... behold, he prayeth ...”

**Rom. 10:14 “How then shall they call on him
in whom they have not believed?”**

HE IS IN POSITION NOW FOR BLESSING.

**Remember the
Principle of anointing:
Blessings flow down from the head.**

**When something flows down,
it goes in the direction
of the least resistance.**

Blessings go where they are resisted least.

**Strange that some resist blessings;
If you don't believe that, preach awhile.**

**Acts 7:51 “...ye do always
resist the Holy Ghost: ...”**

**Matt. 13:58
“...he did not many mighty works there
because of their unbelief.”**

**A Blessing is like a heat seeking missile;
it goes where it senses warmth.**

Ill. - a heat seeking missile locks on its target.

**When you pray, you lock on to God
with your faith,**

**And a blessing locks on you,
(Goodness and mercy are following you),
& it will catch up with you,
sooner or later.**

**When God looks at you this hour,
does He see warmth or coldness?**

**Luke 24:32 “ ...Did not our heart burn within
us, while he talked with us by the
way, and while he opened to us
the scriptures?”**

**Men have sophisticated sensors today
that can be pointed at a building,
tell where the people are in that building;
by the warmth of the bodies, as I understand it.**

**As God looks down at these pews,
where does He see warmth?
Where does He see coldness?**

**Blessings are locking on,
and being launched even now.**

**Some come time after time;
go away every time without a blessing.**

**If your heart was warm;
if you would pray,
God would launch a blessing
in your direction.**

GOD KNOWS WHEN SOMEONE PRAYS.

**He may ignore pageantry,
but He listens to prayer.**

HE KNOWS INSTANTLY WHEN A PRAYER IS PRAYED.

**He doesn't get a weekly printout
of prayers and petitions.**

**Isa 65:24 "And it shall come to pass,
that before they call,
I will answer; and
while they are yet speaking,
I will hear."**

HE KNOWS THE PLACE WHERE PRAYER ORIGINATES

He knows where to make the delivery.

**By the way,
would you run out and stop the UPS truck,
and be all mad and upset
that he delivered nothing to you**

**when you had no request in
at headquarters
for a delivery.**

**The delivery list can be checked;
heaven's records are accurate.**

**You will not be able to claim it is a mistake
if your name is not there.**

**Should I be mad at the pizza delivery person
for not delivering a pizza to me
when I had made no such request?**

**Those of you who do not have soul salvation;
you have made no such request,
or it would have been delivered.**

**GOD KNOWS THE PERSON ORIGINATING THE PRAYER
AND THE DELIVERY WILL BE MADE TO THE RIGHT PERSON.**

Paul needed to pray.

**He had been religious but lost.
His religion was a coin
that would not spend in heaven,
though it served him well on earth.**

NO WONDER HEAVEN TOOK NOTICE.

Acts 9:11 “... behold, he prayeth ...”

**Heaven would take note today
if you would come and pray.**

**We have people here
who will take a Bible,
share verses and pray with you.**

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