

Acts, Part 09

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Introduction Summary

This lesson covers **Acts 9:17 – 10:14**. We will see how one man, Saul, can change the world for good or for bad. Also, we discover the key to God's power is acting on what He said. We will find the necessity of the father's role in the family. And finally, this study tells us how God created every creature for a purpose.

- I. **Acts 9:17-19:** Saul's purpose was to persecute Christians.
 - A. The Lord told Ananias to receive him, and he did.
 - B. The people in the synagogue were astonished when they saw Saul.

- II. God took the enemy of the church and made him a brother in Christ Jesus.
 - A. God will take your persecutor and make them your best advocate.
 - B. Always walk in love.
 - C. Watch what God will do.

- III. **Acts 9:23:** Satan used ONE MAN to terrorize the church.
 - A. Mark 4:13: It is important to know this parable.
 1. The seed is the Word of God.
 2. V15: They didn't receive the Word.
 3. V16: They received the Word with a shout.
 4. V17: They received the Word but there was no depth.
 - a. *Affliction* came because you receive the Word.
 - b. *Persecution* is pressure from people.
 - c. *Offended* means to stumble or to be enticed to sin.
 - d. The problems come from satan to trip you up, not from God.

 - B. Satan is going to influence people to put pressure on Saul.

- IV. **Acts 10:24 -28:** Barnabas tells the disciples what the Lord said (Acts 4:36).

- V. **Acts 10:29:** Paul never convinced people through an argument.

- VI. **Acts 9:30-31:** God gave the churches rest through ONE MAN.
 - A. The church begins to grow again.
 - B. Satan used affliction to try to get Saul to quit.

C. God used His Word, not affliction, to bring rest to the churches.

- VII. **Acts 9:32-35:** Peter ministers to Aeneas.
- Here Aeneas had to act on his faith.
 - Testimony: The Lord told me* to lay hands on a woman in a wheelchair and tell her to get up (*I only tell someone to get out of a wheelchair if the Lord tells me to do so*). She immediately pulled herself up out of the chair and was healed.
 - The fifth element of faith is acting on what you believe.
- VIII. **Acts 9:36-41:** Dorcas was full of good works and a giver. Notice the descriptions. Stop and pay attention when the Bible describes details.
- Peter got rid of the unbelief.
 - He raised Dorcas from the dead.
 - Peter imitated Jesus (Mark 5:41, Mark 16:18).
 - Testimony:* One of my pastors called me from New York. He told me his daughter (30 years old) died in the house. The Lord told me what to tell him. He did it and his daughter was raised from the dead.
- IX. **Acts 9:42-10:2:** Cornelius taught his household to love God.
- Abraham taught his children to serve the Lord (Gen 18:19).
 - In the U.S., 70% of children are raised without fathers.
 - In 2019, 7,000 Black people were killed by other Black people.
 - Acts 10:1-2:** He was a consistent giver and a man who prayed always
 - Acts 10:3-4:** A memorial is a record and a reminder.
 - Prayer makes things happen
 - Seed makes things happen
- X. **Acts 10:5-6:** God gave specific instructions to Cornelius. A man, not an angel, would tell him what to do (1 Cor. 2:9-10; Eph. 1:18).
- XI. **Acts 10:7-14:** Peter objected to eating things that were unclean.
- In Lev. 11: 1-47, God lists things that are unclean.
 - People are sick because they eat things that were not created for eating.
 - God gave the warning because He loves His people. He loves you.
 - Can you pray over it and make it okay to eat? (1 Tim. 4:4-5)
 - Find all the verses about the subject.
 - Put it all in the context in which it was written.
 - You can pray over all things that God said is good to eat.
- XII. God created all things for a specific purpose.

Closing Summary

We saw how one man can change the world for good or for bad. Just as God used Paul to change the world, He can use you for great things, too. Practice acting on what God said in His Word so you can see God's power manifest in your life.