

Acts 26:1, 12-23  
"Help of God"

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1. Introduction
  - a. "Help!" simple word for assistance
    - successor old English word for help
  - b. Help from God testifying of Jesus
    - Acts 26:22
2. Paul's Endeavor
  - a. Mission in life, his call, his purpose
  - b. His malicious career
    - leader of mob killing Steven (Acts 7:58, 8:1)
    - opposed to name of Jesus (26:9)
    - throwing Christians into prison & put to death (26:10-11)
  - c. Miraculous conversion
    - Acts 9:1-6 bright light from heaven
    - God chose Saul (Paul) to take Jesus name to the Gentiles (Acts 9:15-16)
    - Paul to be a minister & a witness (Acts 26:16)
    - took direct vision from Jesus Himself to convert him
3. Paul's Missionary Calling
  - a. Missionary work/commission (26:18)
    - open their eyes
    - turn from darkness to light
    - from power of Satan to power of God
    - receive forgiveness of sin
    - receive an inheritance among sanctified saints
    - \* by faith in Jesus
  - b. Paul & Barnabus first missionaries to Gentiles
    - Acts 13:2-3
  - c. Paul opposed by Jewish religious leaders (26:21)
    - 2 Cor 11:23-33 Paul's many dangers
4. Paul Enabled
  - a. God's ability ("can do") greater than Paul's ability
    - Paul highly educated in Greek wisdom
    - Paul highly educated in Jewish law

4a (cont)

- But Paul counted as all garbage compared to God's (Philp 3:8)

b. God's help is sufficient

- "My grace is sufficient for you."

\* 2 Cor 12:9

- God's help is continuing

\* 2 Tim 3:12, 14 persecution, but continue in what you know

c. God's help to Paul's witnessing (26:22-23)

- witnessing to both nobodies & well known people

- speaking of the prophecies of Moses & the prophets

- that Christ the Messiah would suffer

- that Christ would be first to rise (alive) from the dead

- that Christ would proclaim (tell) light (of the gospel) to Jews & Gentiles

d. Paul asked for Christians to pray to God for him (Eph 6:18-19)

- to open his mouth boldly to tell the gospel

- that God would give him utterance (the words to speak)