

Going about it correctly

(PART 1 OF 2)

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ACTS 9:3-5 NKJV – (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?”

Saul of Tarsus hated Christians. He made it his goal to capture, then bring Christians to public trial and execution. Saul was present when the first Christian martyr (named Stephen) was killed by an angry mob. After Stephen was martyred, Saul went door to door in Jerusalem finding people who believed that Jesus is the Messiah. After putting these people in prison, Saul learned about their Christian friends in Damascus by somehow getting letters from the prisoners.

But something happened to Saul as he traveled to Damascus in search of Christians. According to Saul of Tarsus, God appeared to him in an unexpected way. Saul of Tarsus believed that he was serving God by finding Christians, throwing them into prison, and even executing them when possible. But Saul was wrong. Perhaps even more interesting, Saul was highly educated for his era in Jewish beliefs about God.

Before this pandemic started many were living their lives at a pace of complacency, caught up in idolatry, going to church on Sunday and even attending bible study. The list could continue, but the point I want to make is, “Could we be going about life incorrectly?” Would you say God is pleased with your relations to Him? Oh, we may not be at the extreme as Saul, but we are not here to measure sin. We may not be educated in the area of theology as Saul was, but we claim we know God. So now life has changed dramatically and many are wondering, “What is going on?” I would say, God is shaking things up (**Hebrews 12:26-27**)! Why? Stay tuned for an explanation in next week’s meditation. In the meantime, draw closer to Him in your prayer time. Make it happen!

SCRIPTURE READING: DEUTERONOMY 27:18

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is, infinite. ...

“A JOURNEY OF THE HEART”