

Read Acts 9:10-19a

10 Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord!" he replied.

11 The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now.

12 I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again."

13 "But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem! **14** And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name."

15 But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. **16** And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."

17 So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

18 Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. **19** Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.

Who was Ananias (v. 10)? Ananias was an ordinary man, a Christian, who believed in Jesus.

What did the Lord Jesus tell Ananias to do (v. 11)? Go to the house of Judas and ask for Saul.

What was Saul doing at that time? He was praying. **What do you think Saul was praying about?**

What did the Lord show Saul (v. 12)? He showed Saul a vision of Ananias coming to lay hands on him so he could see again.

What did Ananias think about what the Lord told him to do (vv. 13-14)? He was afraid. He knew who Saul was and how he hated Christians and was arresting them.

What did the Lord explain to Ananias (vv. 15-16)? He had a special job for Saul to do. He was going to have Saul take His gospel message mostly to the Gentiles but also to kings and Jews.

So, what did Ananias do (v. 17)? He obeyed the Lord. He found Saul and laid his hands on him so that Saul would be able to see again and would be filled with the Holy Spirit.

What happened next to Saul (vv. 18-19)? Something like scales fell from his eyes and he could see again. He wasn't blind any more. Then he got baptized and ate some food and got his strength back.