



# Saint Paul

The Apostle  
Part II





# Saul, the Persecutor of the Church

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**I**n the last issue of the *Mighty Angels*, Saul had become blinded and could not see anything. The soldiers led him by the hand into the City of Damascus. What would become of Saul? Would he ever see again?

## Saul with Ananias

Three days later after being brought to Damascus, the owner of the house heard a soft knocking upon his door, “Is Saul of Tarsus here?”

“Yes, but he is very tired. He did not eat or drink for three days. He is blind and cannot see.” said the owner of the home.

“The Lord has sent me.” continued the one knocking at the door.

“Welcome, he is waiting for you,” said the homeowner.

Ananias went into Saul’s room and when Saul felt his presence he knelt at his feet, saying “Ananias, I am so happy that you came to me.”

“To tell the truth,” replied Ananias, “When the





Lord appeared to me and ordered me to come to you, I was afraid, but the Lord comforted me and told me about your change.”

“I am so happy with the Lord Jesus Christ. I thought I was serving God, but I was never aware that I was persecuting Him,” said Saul.

“Be not afraid,” replied Ananias, “The Lord Jesus has sent me to you so that you can see and be filled with the Holy Spirit, in order to witness to Him before many and tell what you have seen and heard.”

Then Ananias laid his hand upon Saul, and immediately Saul cried out,

“Thank you, Lord, because You opened the eyes of my heart so I can see You, and the eyes of my body to serve you all the days of my earthly life.”



Saul was baptized and then joined the Church which was in Damascus, and then went to the synagogue to tell the Jews about the Lord Jesus Christ and admitting, “I had such a blind heart!”

“I could not understand that what the prophets said in the past has come true in our Lord Jesus Christ. In the past, I did not understand the Holy Bible; but now He opened my mind to understand.

I was persecuting



the Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, but then He appeared to me...He loves me, and loves you too!" said Saul.

How astonished and surprised were the believers and the Jews when they saw that the person who came to persecute the Christians had become a believer himself! And a preacher of the name of the crucified Lord Jesus Christ.

Saul went away into the desert of Arabia, east of Damascus, where he spent one year praying and serving the Lord quietly....then he returned to Damascus and continued in preaching the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



## **Forced to Escape**

During the night, while the city of Damascus was in darkness, and the moon was just a crescent, some of the believers gathered together to pray in an upper room in Damascus, one of them said, "Saul's life is in great danger and his enemies are searching for him everywhere. They are watching the gates of the city to capture him day and night. They have decided to kill him and I am really concerned for his life."

Another said, "I have a dangerous suggestion, yet I think there is no other option. The enemies are watching the gates but not watching the walls of the city. What do you think, if Saul



should escape over the city walls?"

All agreed that this was a good idea, and then they brought a huge strong basket and tied it with ropes from all sides. They all walked in the dark and went to one of the houses which was located close to the wall of the city. They then went to the roof, Saul sat in the basket and they lowered the basket very slowly and carefully over and down the city wall. Once the basket reached the over side, Paul jumped out when the basket touched the ground and escaped in the darkness of night towards Jerusalem, as a man who had completely changed. (Holy Book of Acts, chapter 9)

