

THE ARABIAN EXPERIENCE

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- **Acts 7:58** *And cast him (Stephen) out of the city and stoned him:*
- *and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet,*
- *whose name was Saul.*



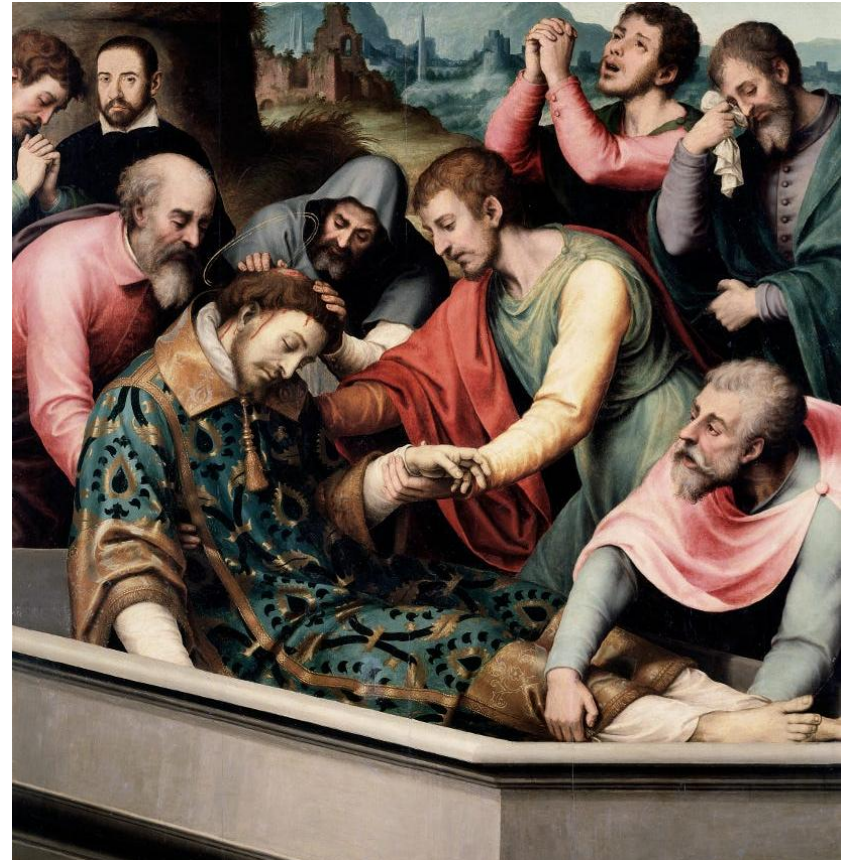
Acts 9:1-2

And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, ² And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.



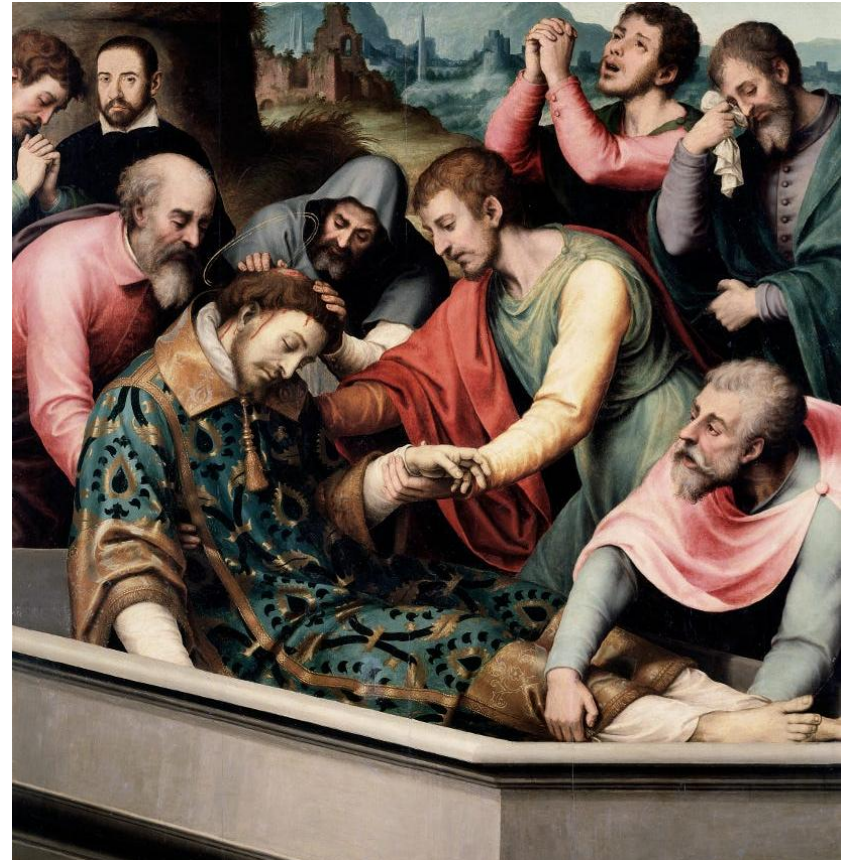
Acts 22:4-5

*And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.
⁵ As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.*

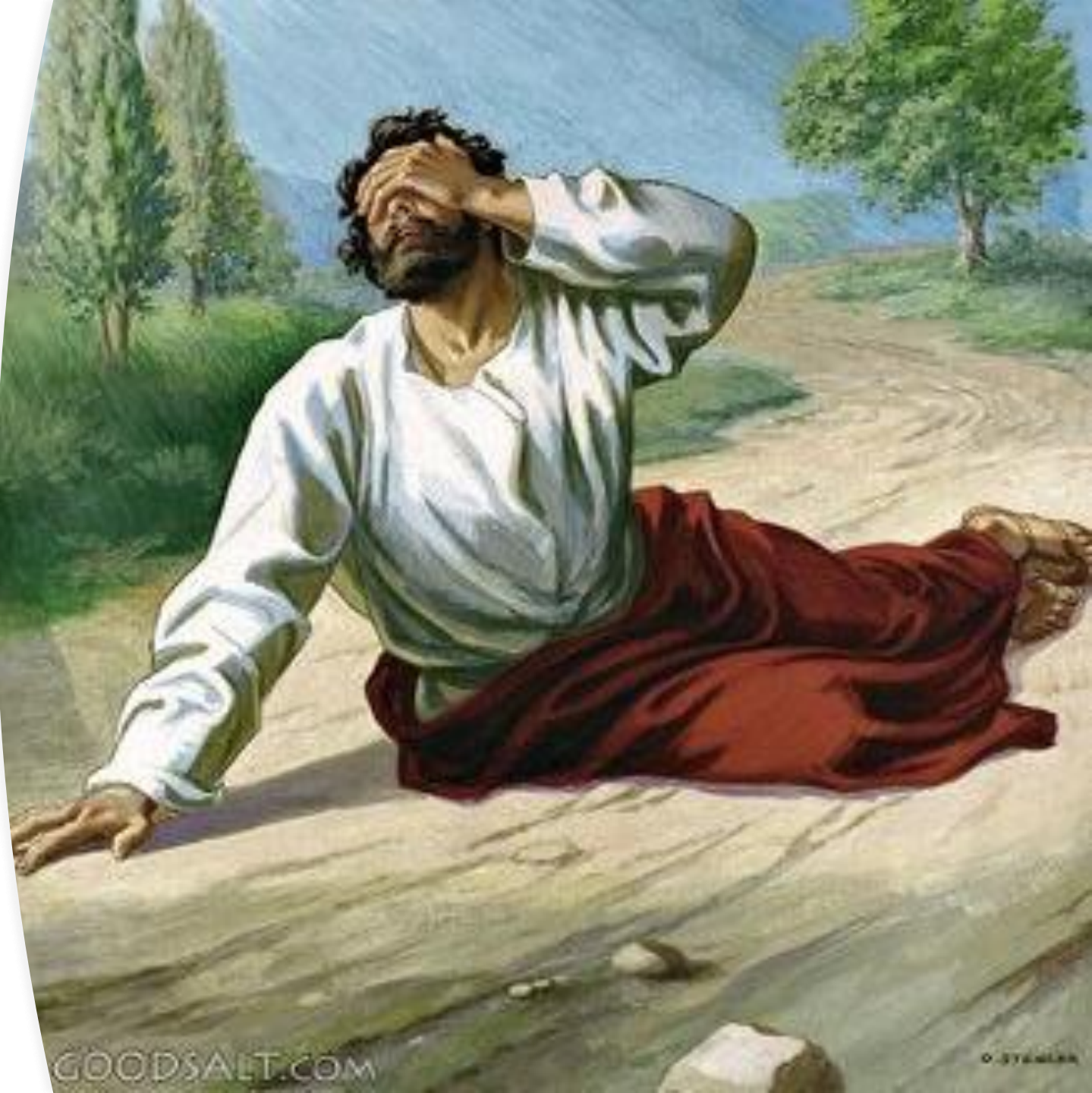


Acts 26:9-11

⁹ I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰ Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. ¹¹ And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.



Acts 9:3-6 ³And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: ⁴And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou Me? ⁵And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus Whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. ⁶And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.



***Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him (Ananias),
Go thy way: for he (Saul) is a chosen vessel unto
Me, to bear My name before***

the Gentiles,

and kings,

and the children of Israel:

***¹⁶ For I will shew him how great things he must
suffer for My name's sake.***

Acts 9:19-20

And when he (Saul) had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. ²⁰ And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

Acts 9:23

*And after that many days were fulfilled,
the Jews took counsel to kill him:*

Gal 1:15-19 *But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace, ¹⁶ To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach Him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: ¹⁷ Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; **but I went into Arabia**, and returned again unto Damascus. ¹⁸ Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and abode with him fifteen days. ¹⁹ But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.*

2 Cor 11:32-32 *In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: ³³ And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.*

Paul's Epistles

Acts

Galatians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
Hebrews
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Romans

Post-Acts

1 Timothy
Titus
Philippians
Philemon
Ephesians
Colossians
2 Timothy



- **Acts 15 conference in Jerusalem**

Gal 2:6

“for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me”



Gal 1:11

But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. ¹² For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.



Gal 1:15-17

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¹⁶To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

¹⁷Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.



Acts 22:4-21

Acts 22:14-15

And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.
¹⁵ For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

Acts 26:9-20

Acts 26 16-18

¹⁶ But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things **which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;**

¹⁷ Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

¹⁸ To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

1 Tim 2:3-4:

³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

***⁴ Who will have all men to be
saved (Damascus Road Experience), and
to come unto the **knowledge of the truth**
(Arabian experience).***

2 Peter 3:15-16:

¹⁵ And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

¹⁶ As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things **hard to be understood**, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest (twist), as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction

- **Acts 21:21** upon Paul's fifth and final visit to Jerusalem, James, who headed up the church at Jerusalem, said to Paul:

- *²¹ And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. ²² What is it therefore?*



Discern the things that differ (Phil 1:10)

*⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; ¹⁰ That ye may **approve things that are excellent** (discern the things that differ); that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.*

Rightly divide the word of truth (2 Tim 2:25)

As a result of the changes at the end of the Acts, we are to put the truths we've been given in their proper place; in their proper order.

Rom 10:2 *For I bear them record
that they have a zeal of God, but not
according to (full) knowledge.*

1 Tim 2:4 *Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the (full)knowledge of the truth.*

Titus 1:1 *Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;*

2 Tim 2:25 ²⁴ *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;*

2 Tim 3:7 *Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

Eph 1:17 *That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the (ac)knowledge of him:*

Paul's Acts Ministry

Paul's post-Acts Ministry

Mystery of Christ

Mystery of the Body of Christ

1 Peter 4:10

“as good stewards of the **manifold grace** of God”.

Eph 4:7 Paul writes,

“But to everyone of us is given **grace
according to the measure of the gift of
Christ**”.

Eph 3:2

If ye have heard of the dispensation of the **grace** of God which is given me to you-ward:

³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery;

Eph 3:8

⁸ *Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this **grace** given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;*

Col 1:25-26

²⁵ Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

²⁶ Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

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John 16:13

Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: