

# Acts 21:18

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

## Analysis

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Paul's formal visit to James and the elders represents apostolic accountability and church unity. His detailed report of 'what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry' emphasized divine initiative rather than personal achievement. The focus on God's work through Paul reflected proper humility and gave glory to the true source of missionary success.

## Historical Context

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James, the Lord's brother (Galatians 1:19), led the Jerusalem church and would later write the epistle bearing his name. This meeting represented the highest level of early church leadership consulting together.

## Related Passages

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does your testimony emphasize God's work rather than personal accomplishments?

2. What role should accountability to church leadership play in missionary and ministry work?

## Interlinear Text

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τῇ	δὲ	ἐπιούσῃ	εἰσῆει	ὁ	Παῦλος	σὺν	ἡμῖν	πρὸς
G3588	<b>And</b>	<b>the day following</b>	<b>went in</b>	G3588	<b>Paul</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>us</b>	<b>unto</b>
G1161	G1161	G1966	G1524		G3972	G4862	G2254	G4314
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Ἰάκωβον	πάντες	τε	παρεγένοντο	οἱ	πρεσβύτεροι			
<b>James</b>	<b>all</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>were present</b>	G3588	<b>the elders</b>			
G2385	G3956	G5037	G3854		G4245			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 15:13** (Parallel theme): And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

**Acts 11:30** (Parallel theme): Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

**Galatians 1:19** (Parallel theme): But other of the apostles saw I none, save James the Lord's brother.