

Acts 22:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

Analysis

What shall I do, Lord? (Τί ποιήσω, κύριε;)—Saul's response shifts from resistance to submission. The question 'what shall I do' (τί ποιήσω) expresses immediate obedience, contrasting sharply with his former persecution. Addressing Jesus as **Lord** (κύριε) acknowledges divine authority, fulfilling what Ananias would later call him: 'Brother Saul' (v.13). The phrase **appointed for thee to do** (τεταγμένα σοι ποιῆσαι) uses the perfect passive participle—God had already ordained Saul's apostolic mission before the Damascus road encounter. Paul's conversion demonstrates sovereign grace overcoming human rebellion.

Historical Context

This occurred on the Damascus road circa AD 34-35. Paul recounts this conversion story in his defense before the Jerusalem mob (Acts 22:1-21). Damascus was a major Syrian city about 135 miles northeast of Jerusalem, with significant Jewish population.

Related Passages

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Saul's immediate question 'What shall I do?' challenge cultural Christianity that seeks to know Christ without radical obedience?
2. In what ways does God's 'appointed' work for you require submitting your own ambitions?

Interlinear Text

εἶπεν	δὲ	Τί	ποιῆσαι	κύριος	ὁ	δὲ	κύριος	εἶπεν
I said	And	What	shall I do	Lord	G3588	And	Lord	I said
G2036	G1161	G5101	G4160	G2962		G1161	G2962	G2036
πρός	με	Ἀναστὰς	πορεύου	εἰς	Δαμασκόν	κάκεῖ	σοι	
unto	me	Arise	and go	into	Damascus	and there	for thee	
G4314	G3165	G450	G4198	G1519	G1154	G2546	G4671	
λαληθήσεται	περὶ	πάντων	ᾧ	τέτακται	σοι	ποιῆσαι		
it shall be told	of	all things	which	are appointed	for thee	shall I do		
G2980	G4012	G3956	G3739	G5021	G4671	G4160		

Additional Cross-References

Acts 16:30 (Parallel theme): And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?