Acts 22:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

Analysis

Ananias's prophecy - 'thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard' - commissioned Paul to universal witness based on personal encounter with the risen Christ. The phrase 'all men' (Greek 'pantas anthrōpous') pointed toward Paul's apostleship to Gentiles. Authentic witness flows from personal experience of Christ, not merely academic knowledge about Him.

Historical Context

This account in Paul's defense speech emphasizes how his commission came directly from Christ through Ananias, establishing apostolic authority. His witness to 'all men' fulfilled Jesus's command that he would bear Christ's name before Gentiles and kings (Acts 9:15).

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. How does your witness to others flow from personal encounter with Christ rather than mere information?

2. What does Paul's commission to 'all men' teach about the gospel's universal scope and your role in proclaiming it?

Interlinear Text

ὅτι	ἔσῃ	μάρτυς	αὐτῷ	πρὸς	πάντας	ἀνθρώπους
For	**thou shalt be**	**witness**	**his**	**unto**	**all**	**men**
G3754	G2071	G3144	G846	G4314	G3956	G444

ὧν	ἑώρακας	καὶ	ἤκουσας
of what	**thou hast seen**	**and**	**heard**
G3739	G3708	G2532	G191

Additional Cross-References

Acts 4:20 (Parallel theme): For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Acts 23:11 (Witness): And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

John 15:27 (Witness): And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Acts 1:8 (Witness): But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.