

Acts 9:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

Analysis

The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision, calling him by name - demonstrating God's personal knowledge of His servants. Ananias' response 'Behold, I am here, Lord' echoes the response of faithful servants throughout Scripture (Abraham, Moses, Samuel). God was orchestrating the meeting between Ananias and Saul, preparing both through visions. From a Reformed perspective, this shows God's sovereignty in using ordinary believers (Ananias was a disciple, not an apostle) to accomplish His purposes. The Lord's detailed instructions would overcome Ananias' natural fear.

Historical Context

Ananias is described as 'a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews' (Acts 22:12), suggesting a Jewish Christian well-respected in Damascus. His role in Saul's conversion shows God uses available instruments, not necessarily prominent leaders.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. How does God's call of Ananias encourage ordinary believers to obey extraordinary callings?
2. What does Ananias' response teach about readiness to serve God?
3. Why does God prepare both parties when orchestrating divine appointments?

Interlinear Text

Ἦν	δὲ	τις	μαθητῆς	ἐν	Δαμασκῷ	ὀνόματι	
there was	And	a certain	disciple	at	Damascus	named	
G2258	G1161	G5100	G3101	G1722	G1154	G3686	
Ἀνανία	καὶ	εἶπεν	πρὸς	αὐτὸν	ὁ	κύριε	ἐν
Ananias	and	he said	to	him	G3588	am here Lord	at
G367	G2532	G2036	G4314	G846		G2962	G1722
ὄραματι	Ἀνανία	ὁ	δὲ	εἶπεν	Ἰδοὺ,	ἐγώ	κύριε
a vision	Ananias	G3588	And	he said	Behold	I	am here Lord
G3705	G367		G1161	G2036	G2400	G1473	G2962

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 6:8 (References Lord): Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Acts 10:3 (Parallel theme): He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

Acts 22:12 (Parallel theme): And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

Genesis 22:1 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

Exodus 3:4 (References Lord): And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

Genesis 31:11 (Parallel theme): And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I.

1 Samuel 3:4 (References Lord): That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I.

2 Samuel 15:26 (Parallel theme): But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

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