

## How To Find A Pharisee Pt28

### ACTS 9:1-5

1. 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. 3. And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4. And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5. And 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.

### AN ABSOLUTE [63-1201M]

Paul didn't always have that tie post. He used to be tied to the group of the Pharisees. And he had to be trained and educated, so that they would accept him and let him tie himself to their post. But one day he was on the road down to Damascus, and he met Jesus, face to face. And from there **he cut loose from his Pharisee-ic tie post**; and re-tied himself again, that Jesus Who he knowed was crucified, died, and rose again. Paul knew it because **he met the Person**. That changed him right there. He was never the same from then on. **He never just met a book. He never just met a--a creed. He met the Person, Jesus Christ.**

### THE VOICE OF GOD IN THIS LAST DAYS [63-0120M]

Paul, a self-styled Pharisee, just as full of theology as he could be, but one day he heard the Voice of God. He saw a Pillar of Fire, and he knowed there was something different. It changed his life. **No matter how many Pharisees, how many Gamaliels or anything else could cry out to Paul, "you're wrong, you're wrong": Paul had heard the Voice of God, he knowed It was the Truth.**

### IT IS I, BE NOT AFRAID [62-0611]

I can hear John say, "I would like to testify first," because John was a young fellow. And he said, "You know, we can never be skeptic any more. We just simply can't do it, because what we seen today. We know that **no matter how many Pharisees, or how many Scribes say that this is wrong, we know it's right**. We are not following a false prophet. We are following the Lord's Christ."

#### TESTIMONY [53-0510]

Oh, my. No wonder you can't believe. It's no wonder you can't believe. **Quit asking Dr. So-and-so; take what Jesus said. Let that settle it.** He's the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**That's the way the Pharisees and them, they had to go ask the priest whether it was all right to do this or do that. That's the reason they failed to see Jesus and recognize Who He was.** Same thing they're failing to see the Holy Ghost today, the same thing. Christian friends, listen: They got churches, and we got everything, but they're failing to see that grain of life there, the Holy Spirit working signs and wonders among His people, what He promised to do. He said He would with us, even in us, to the end of the world.

#### GOD CALLED MAN [58-1005E]

Look, He found a man by the name of Paul, old self-styled Pharisee, but He had to work him over like before he could become a disciple. Look what He done all down through the ages to men. **He had to take them and pump their theology out of them.** And Paul, as soon as he saw the vision, he didn't go up to Jerusalem to Gamaliel, the great teacher (the greatest in Israel) that he'd been taught by; he never went back to him to consult him. Why, he never even went to Jerusalem for fourteen years later. But he went down to Egypt in a prayer meeting. There God let him write many books of the New Testament. See, God's looking for men. He had somebody He wanted to write that Testament, so He just chose Paul, and He just got all of his theology out of him. And Paul said he had to forget all that he ever knowed to learn Christ.

God, today, is trying to empty the world out of us and get us to empty ourselves out and be fearless men and women who love God, and will stay with God, and will cross the separating line (Jordan) that He could use us for His glory.

#### SIRS WE WOULD SEE JESUS [60-0109]

When Paul was converted, no doubt the church at Jerusalem said, "We've got the man now who can match the wits with these Pharisees. He's smart; he's intelligent. We got the man now (after Paul had been saved), and we'll send this ignorant fisherman--who's the head of the church here now at Jerusalem--we'll send him out amongst the ignorant."

Do you notice what God did? He took Paul, the educated, and sent him among the ignorant, and took the ignorant one and sent him among the educated ones. See, God does things in His own way. It's simple faith to believe God; that's what it takes.

### ACTS 23:6-9

6. But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, **I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee**: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.
7. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.
8. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.
9. And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, **We find no evil in this man**: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, **let us not fight against God**.

### PHILIPPIANS 3:3-10a

3. For we are the circumcision, which **worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh**.
4. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
5. Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an **Hebrew of the Hebrews**; as touching the law, **a Pharisee**;
6. Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7. But **what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ**.
8. Yea doubtless, and **I count all things but loss** for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do **count them but dung**, that I may win Christ,
9. And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
- 10a. **That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection...**

### BIRTH PAINS [65-0124]

And that's the reason it was so hard for those Pharisees to understand our Lord Jesus Christ, because they were under the law. And **the law was the Word of God in seed form. But when the Word was made flesh, and become, not law, but grace. Now, grace and law cannot exist at the same time. Cause, grace is so far above law, law is not even in the picture**. And therefore it's so hard for the Pharisees to die to their law, so that grace could be born. But it must go. The two laws cannot exist at the same time.

#### THE TESTIMONY OF A TRUE WITNESS [61-1105]

This church today is trying to save itself, with its own good works. "Oh, I'm a Christian, I must be real sweet. I must do this." But that first church, what was they doing? Waiting. Not trying to change themselves, but was **waiting for God Himself to come and change them, from Pharisees, to witnesses.**

And **what we need today is another waiting on the Holy Ghost, the Witness of God, to come change us from a bunch of Pharisees,** cold and starched, to witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Hallelujah!

#### CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH [55-0620]

Jesus is the same today as He was then. If you're an unbeliever, you cast it aside like the Pharisees did, and walk away like they did. **You sure wouldn't want to take their place tonight, where they're at.** You'd want to take those place who loved Him.

#### PRIDE [55-0807A]

**What does Simon the Pharisee think today in hell where he's at?** I imagine he'd like to call that little party over again. I imagine it would be different. Simon would be weeping, "O Jesus, I'd wash Your feet." A year from today, there's people setting here today that if they won't accept Christ, a year from today, you'll wish you had. You say, O Jesus, if I could go back to that little campground again. O Jesus, if I could hear that preacher call again, Jesus, I'd raise up, oh I'd raise up."

#### DOOR TO THE HEART [58-0316E]

Now, it depends on what you think it is. **If you think like the Pharisees, you get their reward. If you think like Nathanael, you get his reward.** You get God's reward if you think it's God. This ought to settle it forever.

#### BLIND BARTIMAEUS [56-0414]

The Pharisees said, "You see, He's Beelzebub, the fortuneteller."

But the man the miracle was done on, said, "You're the Son of God, the King of Israel." He knew Him, what a difference.

Those Pharisees are gone on long ago. Nathanael's name is immortal in the Bible tonight forever. And his life is immortal before God. **I wonder what attitude you will take?**