

# Where's Your Chair?

Acts 26 12-23



My mouth shall tell of your righteousness and salvation all the day long,  
for I know no end of the telling.  
Psalm 71:15

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## **Praising:**

Light of the minds that know him,  
may Christ be light to mine!  
My sun in risen splendour, my  
light of truth divine;  
my guide in doubt and darkness,  
my true and living way,  
my clear light ever shining, my  
dawn of heaven's day.

## **Reading:**

Acts 26:12-23

Paul shares the story of his  
conversion with King Agrippa

In his third account of the road to  
Damascus, Paul adds that when  
the light shone from heaven,  
everyone else present fell to the  
ground along with him. He also  
includes the concern voiced by  
the Lord, that by attacking  
Christianity so aggressively in  
fact Paul was hurting himself. A  
goad was a sharp pointed stick

used to prod an ox or a donkey.  
Paul explains to Agrippa that God  
has called him to share Christ's  
light and to offer forgiveness and  
the promise of heaven to the  
Gentiles in particular. Paul has  
been endeavouring to do this but  
the Jews are now trying to kill  
him. As Paul now sees it,  
everything he has discovered of  
Christ is consistent with what the  
Jewish Scriptures had foretold. In  
dying and rising again, Christ  
fulfils the Messianic expectation.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Lord we pray for light for those  
living in darkness

- those drawn to the  
unthreatening privacy and  
unchallenging comfort of the  
shadows
- those frightened by what they  
fear the light of God's truth  
may reveal about them
- those who feel life as it is will  
do, that who they are and how  
they are is good enough

Father: those not in your light  
often feel harangued and  
pursued. Grant me opportunities  
to explain gently and humbly that  
only in your light have I found  
acceptance and freedom. Amen

## **Doing:**

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