

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES [26:19-23]

King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision. On the contrary, first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem and throughout the whole country of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached the need to repent and turn to God, and to do works giving evidence of repentance. That is why the Jews seized me when I was in the temple and tried to kill me. But I have enjoyed God's help to this very day, and so I stand here testifying to small and great alike, saying nothing different from what the prophets and Moses foretold, that the Messiah must suffer and that, as the first to the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles."

The Word of the Lord.

PSALM 117 *Said in unison*

Praise the Lord, all you nations;

 laud him, all you peoples.

For his loving kindness toward us is great,

 and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

Hallelujah!