

# Pleasant Valley Weekly

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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## Have you prepared to hear?

Preparation for any task is potentially as or more important than the task itself. A professional football team will spend more time preparing with meetings, film sessions, walk-throughs, and practice than they do actually playing the game itself.

In the same manner, if you were sent to a seminar for work would you not prepare yourself by reading up on that which you were sent to learn about?

Each and every Lord's day we come together to partake of the Lord's Supper, give to the collection, sing praises, offer prayer, and hear a portion of God's words. How do you prepare yourself for these? Or better said, Do you prepare? How about for Sunday or Wednesday study? Do you prepare for those?

Just like in football, each of us should spend more time reading, praying, and preparing for our Studies and Worship to God than we do in the actual services.

Today we look at 4 examples on which we find people who prepared to be told what they should do. Each of them did something differing to prepare, and because of their preparation each of them were rewarded.

We should learn to apply their "techniques" to ourselves, so that we too will be properly prepared to hear.

## Have you prepared to hear?

### \* Preparation

the action or process of making ready or being made ready for use or consideration.

### \* Acts 9 : 1—19

What did Saul do to prepare?

### \* Acts 10 : 1—8, 24

What did Cornelius do to prepare?

### \* Acts 13 : 13—16, 42—52

What did the Gentiles do to prepare?

### \* Acts 17 : 22—34

What did the Athenians do to prepare?

### \* What did each do after they heard?

Saul—was baptized; Cornelius—was baptized;  
The Gentiles—believed; The Athenians—joined and believed

### \* How did each prepare?

Meditated, Gathered those they loved, All came,  
They had a desire to learn

### \* What reaction is produced in hearing?

One of Two

Repentance

Anger