BEHOLD, HE PRAYETH.
File name is “beholdheprayeth.”

Acts 9:
10 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.
11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,
12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:
14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.
15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Our text is
Acts 9:11 “… behold, he prayeth …”

This is a powerful verse, full of meaning.
We see here

1. An Assignment of Reason

2. The Amazement of Conversion
   & An Announcement of Celebration

3. An Assertion of Faith

   The points will build to a powerful conclusion.
I. THERE IS AN ASSIGNMENT OF REASON

God doesn’t have to give us a reason when He tells us to do something, but He is a reasonable God, and He always has a reason.

Ananias is being asked to do a difficult thing, and God gives him a reason.

Acts 9:11 “.. for, behold, he prayeth, ..”

Several Greek words are used for our English word “for.” The one used in this instance, and in many instances, is:

1063. gar which means ... , assigning a reason (used in argument, explanation or intensification; often with other particles):-- and, as, because (that), ..., seeing, then, therefore, ...

God always has a reason. He is the Logos, and He has always has logic.

See the logic in the assignment of reason in this instance.

Paul is praying; he needs someone to minister to him.

You will be ok; he won’t hurt you.

Real praying people who are really in touch with God don’t do mean despicable acts to God’s children, so he won’t hurt you.

Go minister to him; He’s praying & seeking; he will receive.

Acts 9:11 “... behold, he prayeth ...”
II. There is the **AMAZEMENT OF CONVERSION** & **ANNOUNCEMENT OF CELEBRATION**.

Acts 9:11 “… behold, he prayeth ...”

One previously driven to destruction is now devoted to Diety.

You know, God has numerous ways of coping with those who oppose His church.

1. **He can create confusion for them.**

   Give them problems so that they stop creating problems.

   or

2. **He can convert them - as He did with Paul.**

So I see in the verse **THE AMAZEMENT OF CONVERSION & THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CELEBRATION**

Acts 9:11 “… behold, he prayeth ...”
III. There is the
ASSERTION OF FAITH

Acts 9:11  "... behold, he prayeth ..."

Rom. 10:14  "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?"

HE IS IN POSITION NOW FOR BLESSING.

Remember the Principle of anointing:
Blessings flow down from the head.

When something flows down, it goes in the direction of the least resistance.

Blessings go where they are resisted least.

Strange that some resist blessings; If you don’t believe that, preach awhile.

Acts 7:51  "...ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: ..."

Matt. 13:58  "...he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."
A Blessing is like a heat seeking missle; it goes where it senses warmth.

III. - a heat seeking missle locks on its target.

When you pray, you lock on to God with your faith,

And a blessing locks on you,
(Goodness and mercy are following you),
& it will catch up with you, sooner or later.

When God looks at you this hour,
does He see warmth or coldness?

Luke 24:32 “...Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?”

Men have sophisticated sensors today that can be pointed at a building, tell where the people are in that building; by the warmth of the bodies, as I understand it.

As God looks down at these pews, where does He see warmth? Where does He see coldness?

Blessings are locking on, and being launched even now.

Some come time after time; go away every time without a blessing.

If your heart was warm; if you would pray, God would launch a blessing in your direction.
GOD KNOWS WHEN SOMEONE PRAYS.

He may ignore pageantry,  
but He listens to prayer.

HE KNOWS INSTANTLY  
WHEN A PRAYER IS PRAYED.

He doesn’t get a weekly printout  
of prayers and petitions.

Isa 65:24 “And it shall come to pass,  
that before they call,  
I will answer; and  
while they are yet speaking,  
I will hear.”

HE KNOWS THE PLACE WHERE PRAYER ORIGINATES

He knows where to make the delivery.

By the way,  
would you run out and stop the UPS truck,  
and be all mad and upset  
that he delivered nothing to you  
when you had no request in  
at headquarters  
for a delivery.

The delivery list can be checked;  
heaven’s records are accurate.

You will not be able to claim it is a mistake  
if your name is not there.
Should I be mad at the pizza delivery person for not delivering a pizza to me when I had made no such request?

Those of you who do not have soul salvation; you have made no such request, or it would have been delivered.

GOD KNOWS THE PERSON ORIGINATING THE PRAYER AND THE DELIVERY WILL BE MADE TO THE RIGHT PERSON.

Paul needed to pray.

He had been religious but lost.
His religion was a coin that would not spend in heaven, though it served him well on earth.

NO WONDER HEAVEN TOOK NOTICE.

Acts 9:11 “... behold, he prayeth ...”

Heaven would take note today if you would come and pray.

We have people here who will take a Bible, share verses and pray with you.

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