

Acts 10

King James Version (KJV)

10 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, (He was a Roman soldier who believed in Jesus- he was a Christian; a centurion, he was over 100-900 soldiers. He was stationed in Caesarea)

²A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. (He was a good man who believed and lived a Christian life)

³He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. (3 PM) (The vision came from God. It was 3PM. This was no dream or drunken delusion. It was a vision in the middle of the afternoon)

⁴And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God. (God loved him)

⁵And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: (He could learn more of God's Word from Peter)

⁶He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

⁷And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; (probably his armor bearer – a very trusted soldier. Your armor bearer had your back, and your weapons. You trusted him with your life)

⁸And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa. (To find Peter)

⁹On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: (Noon)

¹⁰And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

¹¹ And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending upon him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: (God was contacting Peter to teach him something)

¹² Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. (All unclean foods, unfit to eat, per the Bible)

¹³ And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

¹⁴ But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. According to Leviticus-11:4

¹⁵ And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. (This is not a food lesson. This is about gentiles who are converted to Christianity. Israelites were bigots in that they considered gentiles lower than themselves. God was teaching them a life lesson. God loves all His children equally)

(Some ignorant preachers would tell you – There you go. God cleansed all food so you can eat whatever you want. That is complete noinsense. This lesson is about people, not food)

¹⁶ This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven. (God was teaching that when any people convert to Christianity, they are no longer “unclean”. They are children of God, whether they are Israelites or not) See verse 28

¹⁷ Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, (Peter knew that this wasn't about food because he had studied the manuscripts. He didn't know what it was about)

¹⁸ And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there. (God times everything perfectly)

¹⁹ While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

²⁰ Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them. (Christianity is for “Whom so ever will”)

²¹ Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

²² And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee. (nation= ethnos- ethnic peoples) (Jews= Judea – better translation)

²³ Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him. (Peter obeyed God and went to teach this man)

²⁴ And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and he had called together his kinsmen and near friends. (He had a group of friends and family assembled to hear God's Word. They wanted to learn the Word of God)

²⁵ And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. (Big mistake; never worship men or angels; worship God)

²⁶ But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. (Peter handled this the right way)

²⁷ And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together. (They were ready and waiting to learn more about God's Word)

²⁸ And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. (nation = ethnos – people of different races- non Jews)

(Peter learned the lesson. Salvation is open to all people who want it)

²⁹ Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me? (Peter wants them to ask to be taught the Word. When God knocks on the door, HE expects us to open it. It takes a conscious action on our part)

³⁰ And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, (an angel was sent to him from God)

³¹ And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. (God knows your love for Him and your good deeds)

³² Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

³³ Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God. (He did what God asked, without hesitation. This was risky for Cornelius in those days because Christians were being persecuted)

³⁴ Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: (God has no favorite people. HE loves all who believe on HIM. No man is to be disrespected for race, background, wealth or status)

(It is pathetic that today, Jews still call themselves – God’s chosen people. They were only chosen through Abraham to bring forth Jesus Christ into the flesh. That ended when Jesus arrived)

³⁵ But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. (every nation = every ethnos – all people of every race, color or creed; feareth = reveres – same word)

³⁶ The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) (This includes ALL believers; all people are equal in God’s eyes. Men and women of all races)

(Preachers that say that women cannot be preachers are ignorant of God’s Word)

³⁷ That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; (This was John the Baptist)

³⁸ How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were

oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (Jesus WAS God, in the flesh. People still don't understand that today. They think that Jesus was God's son. God begat Himself into the flesh through Mary; Immanuel = God with us. See Isaiah-7:14)

³⁹ And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: (Jews = Judea – bad translation) (There were thousands of witnesses of Jesus' miracles all over Judea)

⁴⁰ Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; (Many people witnessed the resurrection)

⁴¹ Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. (witnesses chosen before God = pre-ordained; they were chosen in the First Age. The disciples were chosen by God; they were not volunteers. In the end days, the Elect <also pre-ordained> will testify God's Word in the synagogue of antichrist, before the whole world)

⁴² And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. (quick= living) (Only God Himself <Jesus is God in the flesh> can righteously judge people)

1Peter-3:18-19, 1Peter-4 (After the crucifixion, Jesus went to those that had lived and died before He arrived in the world. There He taught them and many accepted Him, repented of their sins and were saved)

⁴³ To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. **Isaiah-53:11**

⁴⁴ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. (Same as on Pentecost Day) Acts-2:6-7

⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. (They were surprised that God treated gentiles the same manner that He treated them. They needed to get over their bigotry)

⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, (This is the tongue of the Holy Spirit of God. It is heard and understood by all people of every language. NOT the mumbo-jumbo that the denominations and "born agains" mumble and need a preacher to translate. This is false teaching)

⁴⁷ Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (Peter got the message – all people are equal before God)

⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. (They wanted to learn more, so Peter stayed to teach them)

(This began the Apostles teaching God's Word to all men and women. Paul would also carry this all over Asia Minor and write many epistles)