

Peter Is Eagerly Received by Cornelius (Acts 10:23b-33) 8/4/24

Review

Acts 10-11 chronicle how the _____ separating Jews and Gentiles came tumbling down in the _____.

Despite Cornelius's _____, and devotion to the true God, he could not be saved apart from a correct understanding of the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Notes on Peter's vision:

God is making clear to Peter that something has _____.

It's no wonder that Peter was perplexed. How should one _____ a dream or vision which cuts so _____ across long-established principles and _____?

The Holy Spirit reassured Peter by perfectly _____. His working in Cornelius and in Peter.

Peter had a hard time letting the _____ law go, but had no animosity in his heart toward _____ at this point.

Peter Meets Cornelius (vv. 23b-26)

Notes on Peter's journey to [Caesarea](#) and the [brethren](#) who [accompanied him](#):

Cornelius was a man who was not only _____ about himself but also wanted his whole family and friends to _____ from what God was about to _____ to him through Peter.

"Two worlds were about to collide, as seven devout Jews were about to meet a houseful of eager Gentiles." – John MacArthur, Jr.

Notes on Peter's initial meeting and encounter with Cornelius:

Peter Greets Cornelius and His Group (vv. 27-29)

Notes on Peter's response to Cornelius's falling down in worship before him:

*"If Cornelius's act of falling down before Peter was unbecoming, so too according to Jewish tradition was Peter's act of entering a Gentile home."
– John Stott*

unlawful (*athemitos*) =

associate (*kollao*) =

unholy (*koinos*) =

unclean (*akathartos*) =

"Whether consciously or unconsciously, Peter had just now repudiated both extreme and opposite attitudes which human beings have sometimes adopted towards one another. He had come to see that it was entirely inappropriate either to worship someone as if divine (which Cornelius had tried to do to him) or to reject somebody as if unclean (which he would previously have done to Cornelius). Peter refused both to be treated by Cornelius as if he were a god, and to treat Cornelius as if he were a dog." – John Stott

Cornelius Explains Why Peter Is There (vv. 30-33)

Cornelius is humbly acknowledging that Peter is risking his _____.

commanded (*prostasso*) =

Cornelius's statement was a _____ acknowledgement that they were in Gods' _____, that the apostle Peter was to be the bearer of God's word to them, and that they were all ready and open to _____ to it. What has happened thus far has been the removal of the _____ which had prevented Peter from even conceiving of the _____ that the gospel might be for a _____.