



“JESUS IS LORD OF ALL!”

ACTS Chapter 10

(v1-8) THE LORD’S SALVATION COMES TO THE GENTILES!

Go for God!

(v1) A certain man (if anyone desires to know God, God will save them); Cornelius (a gentile); the centurion (a Roman legion is 6000 men, which consists of 10 cohorts is 600 men, and a centurion is in charge of 100 men within a cohort.)

(v2) Observe the character traits of Cornelius – devout man (devotion), feared God (reverenced), gave alms generously (charitable), a man of prayer (trusting God).

(v3-8) “ninth hour” (3pm), an angelic vision – Some thoughts about angels - Hebrews 13:2 - *Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels.*

Colossians 2:18 - *Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has no seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,*

Galatians 1:6-9 - *I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.*

(We must always ask ourselves the question, “Does the angelic message stand up to the TRUTH of the Word of God?”)

- Notice in verse 4 that the angel identified two practices (PRAYERS and ALMS GIVING) of Cornelius that was known between himself and God.

- Do you know dear saint that God saves your prayers? - Revelation 5:8-9 - *Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,*

- What does Jesus teach regarding alms giving? - Luke 12:32-34 - *"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

- Cornelius had religious traits and practices but was NOT SAVED! However, he will be “BORN AGAIN!” (John 3:1-8)

- You can be religious and not saved! Are you born again? YES or NO (If not, then give your heart JESUS CHRIST before it is too LATE!)

(v9-23) THE LORD CALLS JEWISH PETER TO REACH GENTILES!

(v9-16) Sixth hour (12 noon); God speaks to those who pray! The unclean animals were representative of the gentiles coming to salvation and to be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.

We notice that this lowering of the sheet of unclean food was done three times. Peter is familiar with three times from the LORD, “three times you will deny me,” or “do you love me, feed my sheep,” again three times.

- Remember what Jesus said in John 10:16 - *And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.*

- Later on, Paul the apostle addresses this issue in Ephesians 2:11-13 - *Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh — who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands — that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

(v17-23) Pay close attention to verse 19 – “*the Spirit said to him*” – How do we know the Spirit’s voice in comparison to our own thoughts, or possibly the voice of the enemy. The Spirit’s voice will always correspond with and compliment the SCRIPTURE. The Spirit will not contradict, nor confuse, nor confound the believer. Also, truth and peace will rest upon the believer’s heart and life. Remember, “*His yoke is easy and His burden is light.*” Notice that God fulfilled His voice with “three” men to meet Peter. God uses a “three” formula in Peter’s life, it is not a magical formula, but it does seem to be valuable form of conformation, which protects us from presumption, or assumption.

(v24-48) THE LORD’S COMMAND FULFILLED!

(v24-26) Practice Cornelius evangelism! Invite your family and friends to church, so they can hear the Word of God!

- Take note: Peter refused the worship of Cornelius. Peter said, “I am a man.” Peter never called himself the Pope, Supreme Pontiff, Holy Father, Vicar (voice) of Christ, Reverend, or the Most Right Reverend Pete.

- Peter did say in 1 Peter 5:1 - *The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed.*

(v27-33) Cornelius wittingly or unwittingly was practicing with God’s leading an important spiritual insight to PRAYER, which is ASK, SEEK, KNOCK!

- Remember what JESUS taught us about prayer in Matthew 7:7-13 - *“ASK, and it will be given to you; SEEK, and you will find; KNOCK, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

(v34-43) *Let us proclaim the “GOOD NEWS” like Peter:*

(1) Every nation needs the GOSPEL (v35);

(2) Proclaim PEACE through JESUS CHRIST (v36);

(3) Proclaim “He is LORD OF ALL” (no other gods) (v36);

(4) Proclaim the LIFE OF CHRIST, His MIRACULOUS WORKS (v38);

(5) Proclaim His death upon the CROSS (v39);

(6) Proclaim His RESURRECTION (v40-41);

- (7) Proclaim Jesus Christ as the FINAL JUDGE (read John 5:21-29 (v42));
- (8) Proclaim the Old Testament Prophets prophecies regarding CHRIST (v43);
- (9) Proclaim the REMISSION of sins (v43).

(v44-48) **Then, watch the POWER OF GOD SAVE PEOPLE!** *“While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.”* **GOD SAVES!**

- We must follow His COMMAND in Matthew 28:18-20 – *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. God therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*