

**“Come To God With Open  
Minds & Hearts To Hear & Receive!”**

**Acts 10:17-33**

Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate. And they called and asked whether **Simon, whose surname was Peter**, was lodging there. While Peter thought about the vision, the **Spirit Said (Rhema) to him**, “Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.” Then **Peter** went down to the men who had been sent to him from **Cornelius**, and said, “Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?” And they said, “**Cornelius the Centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a Holy Angel to summon you to his house, and to Hear Words from you.**” Then he (**Peter**) invited them (the three men) in and lodged them. On the next day, **Peter** went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him. And the following day they entered **Caesarea**. Now **Cornelius** was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. As **Peter** was coming in, **Cornelius** met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But **Peter** lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I myself am also a man.” And as he (**Peter**) talked with him (**Cornelius**), he (**Peter**) went in and found many who had come together. Then he (**Peter**) said (Rhema) to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore, I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?” So, **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, and said, ‘**Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the Sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak (Rhema) to you.**’ So, I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.”

**Acts 10:17-33 (NKJV)**

**LET'S RECAP**

From Last Week's Sermon Entitled,

**“God Shows No Partiality, Calling All Into His Family!”**

**Q: “What Did Peter Now Perceive To Be The Truth  
That God Was Trying To Communicate To Him?”**

**A: He Was Still Confused, But At The Same Time Determined To Understand!**

**A: He Was Also Determined Once He Was Enlightened**

**To Obey Immediately Because God Had Commanded Him 3x!**

Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant,

**Acts 10:17-18**

**NOTE**

Soon Peter Will Realize What We Today Always Need To Be Aware Of:

**“God Shows No Partiality, Calling All Into His Family!”**

Later At The 1<sup>st</sup> Church Council  
Peter Will Come To A Doctrinal & Theological Understanding!

See Acts 11:1-18

And Again, At The 2<sup>nd</sup> Church Council, It Will Be Affirmed By All!

See Acts 15:1-21

Now Let's Look At Today's Passage!

**Q:** "What Kind Of Influence As A Military Leader Was Cornelius?"

**A:** His Three-Man Contingent Was Faithfully Fulfilling Their Orders  
To See Out, Find, & Invite Simon Peter To Come With Them!

... Behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate. And they called and asked whether **Simon, whose surname was Peter**, was lodging there... Acts 10:17-18

**Q:** "What Was Happening To Our Contemplative Simon Peter At This Moment?"

**A:** God's Holy Spirit Was Speaking Direct Rhema To His Mind & Heart!

... While Peter thought about the vision, the **Spirit Said (Rhema)** to him, "**Behold, three men are seeking you. Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them.**" ... Acts 10:19-20

#### NOTE

He Obey & Doubts Nothing!

...Then **Peter** went down to the men who had been sent to him from **Cornelius**, and said, "**Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?**" ... Acts 10:21

We Have Seen Cornelius' Military Leadership!

Now Let's Ask Another Question:

**Q:** "What Kind Of Influence As A Religious Leader Was Cornelius?"

**A:** The Faithful Three Men Sent By Cornelius Now Deliver Their Master's Holy Request!

... And they said, "**Cornelius the Centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a Holy Angel to summon you to his house, and to Hear Words from you.**" ... Acts 10:22

#### NOTE

Being Late In The Day, Peter Invites Them To Stay The Night, And Then Departs With Them,  
Along With A Contingent Of The Joppa Church As Well The Next Morning!

... Then **he (Peter)** invited **them (the three men)** in and lodged them. On the next day, **Peter** went away with **them**, and **some brethren from Joppa** accompanied him ...

Acts 10:23

**Q:** "What Had Cornelius Done During His Wait For Peter To Arrive At His Request?"

**A:** He Had Invited His Relatives & Friends To Hear God's Word & Invitation!

... And the following day they entered **Caesarea**. Now **Cornelius** was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends ... Acts 10:24

**Q:** "Who Did Cornelius Perceive Peter To Be  
In Relation To God As He Knelt Before Him?"

**A:** That He Was Divine - Or An Angel!

... As **Peter** was coming in, **Cornelius** met him

and fell down at his feet and worshiped him ... Acts 10:25

**Q:** "What Did Peter Do & Say To Correct Cornelius's Understanding?"

**A:** Raised Him Up – And Assured Him Of Their Mutual Humanity!

... But **Peter** lifted him up, saying, "**Stand up; I myself am also a man.**" ... Acts 10:26

**Q:** “What Had Peter So Far Understood About The Vision, The Spirit’s Commands, & The Situation He Was Now Confronted With In Cornelius’ House?”

**A:** “God Created All, Loves All, & Calls All, To Be A Member Of His Eternal Family!”

... And as he (Peter) talked with him (Cornelius), he (Peter) went in and found many who had come together. Then he (Peter) said (Rhema) to them, “You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore, I came without objection as soon as I was sent for” ... Acts 10:27-29a

**NOTE**

Now Peter Inquires Why They Have Sent For Him  
So, He May Ascertain What The Holy Spirit Desires  
And Get To The Business For Which God Has Sent For Him!

... “I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?”... Acts 10:29b

**NOTE**

Cornelius Now Fills Peter In On God’s Intention & Plan!

... So, 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, and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the Sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak (Rhema) to you.’” ...Acts 10:30-32

**Q:** “What Did Peter Recognize Immediately In The Account Of Cornelius?”

**A:** Almost Simultaneous Visions Given By God Through An Angel Of God To Cornelius & By The Holy Spirit Of God To Him Concerning The Intention & Plan Of God For The Growth Of His Family – The Church!

**NOTE**

Cornelius’s Request Is Now Given To Peter

At The Exact Same Moment Peter Now Fully Understands God’s Mind & Will!

... So, I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God.” ... Acts 10:33

**CRISIS OF FAITH**

*“Often In Life, We Have To Act In Obedience To God’s Commands, Even When We Do Not Fully Know His Mind & Will, Or What The Future Holds!”*

**COROLLARY OF FAITH**

*“But When We Step Out Immediately & Act In Blind Faith & True Obedience, God Often Shows Us Why He Commanded Us To Act In The First Place!”*

**Action Today & Tomorrow As God’s Children!**

Let Us Be God’s Children As True Disciples Of Christ,  
Listening To & Following His Voice & Will Only!

Let Us Be A People Hearing From God Daily,  
Acting In Blind Faith & True Obedience Immediately!

**Revelation Today & Tomorrow From God’s Spirit!**

And Then Let Us Await His Timing & Revelation  
Of Why He Commanded Us In The First Place

To Act For The Sake Of Others Salvation,  
& For The Glory Due To His Holy Name!