



Bible Study: Thursday, February 25 2016.

Topic: Acts 10- Salvation of Cornelius

INTRODUCTION: The gospel is beginning to take a very unique dimension. In Chapter we find a situation where God could be said to be the complete mastermind of a Roman Centurion. The name of the Centurion is Cornelius. He had some qualities that caused heaven to recognize him and paved way for his salvation.

To seal his faith, God made Peter to pay him a visit in order to point him to the salvation that will pave his way into heaven. The dramatic conversion of Cornelius and his household was another confirmation that God is not a racist or a tribalist.

As we go through this chapter today, may the Lord grant us the requisite wisdom to properly understand His words in Jesus Name.

OUTLINE

1. Examine the character of Cornelius and his family in view of his relationship with God. There are hidden attributes and outward or visible attributes. What will you consider the hidden and visible attributes of Cornelius as contained in these Vs 1-2, 4
2. Why will an Angel of God appear to Cornelius judging from his status? Can the Angel of God or God therefore appear to any one? What is the significance of the fact that the angel called his name? It means God knows your name in heaven as it is known on earth.
3. What things was Cornelius doing that endeared him to God? Gen 8:21, II Cor 2:15, Psalm 141: 2, Rev 5:8
4. Are there some offerings that heaven will not recognize? Give examples Prov 19:17, 14:21, Duet 15:7-14.
5. Will heaven recognize the gifts given to His servants or men and women of God? II Kings 4:8-10, Philemon 14,
6. Why did God not just declare Cornelius saved? Why did he require Peter to come speak to him? Rom 10:9-10, Acts 16:31.

7. Examine the Law vs the word of God. Which one should take pre-eminence? Mark 7:7-9, Rom 8:3. Gal 3:24. Also people tend to stick closer to the one they have known longer than the new one. Another reason why we should train up a child in the way he should go. The Apostles were very familiar with the Law and since they have lived with it for a while, it was easier for Peter to tilt towards the law.
8. . Again examine how the servants of Cornelius described him. Can your subordinates merrily say good things about you? Philemon 10-18, Eph 6:9
9. Examine the unquestionable obedience of the apostles for example, Peter and in the past Ananias. Why do you think this was so?
10. Is it a strange and unusual thing to see men worship church leaders? Whose duty is it to prevent this type of occurrence? See vs 25-26.
11. Would the law alone have been able to bridge the gap between the Jews and the gentiles? Gal 3:26-28. Peter said in Vs 29; 'Now tell me why you sent for me' Why do you think Peter asked Cornelius again this question after his servants have told him the purpose of their visit?
12. Along with the work of grace, it appears God wants more from us than just salvation. Or put in another way God expects our salvation to help us to do certain things. James 2:14-17
13. What and who was the focus of Peter's message? Acts 1:8. Are people disobedient of the call when they focus the message on themselves?
14. Here is an example of the baptism of the Holy Spirit without anyone laying hands. Discuss why do you think it happened this way?

CONCLUSION: God expects us to do good and to pray as this combination comes to Him as a sweet smelling savor. He is not interested in politics when it comes to salvation. He wants all men everywhere to be saved. Having studied the lives of Cornelius and Peter today, what manner of persons ought ye to be?