

ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

CHAPTER 10:1-23a

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TITLE:

A JEWISH GOD, A GENTILE SINNER

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth**.”

Remember Last Week;

We left off with Peter entering the house of Simon the Tanner. According to the law and the traditions of the Jews, this was forbidden.

Not only was being near

a Tanner a reproach, so was the thought, and the possibility of a gentile being saved and going to heaven, “how could God love them too!”

There Was a Denomination About the Jews
- to the extreme

The Orthodox Jewish Male

I thank you God that I was not born a **dog**, *a woman* & or a **gentile**

But God had Prophesied...

Hosea 2:23

...I will have mercy on those who had not obtained mercy; then I will say to those who were not My people, `You are My people!' And they shall say, You are my God!' (*the Gentiles*)

John 4:23-24

"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. :24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

The *Salvation* and The *Worship* of God
is of the Spirit, by the Spirit and in the Spirit, so help us God!

In Spirit, In Christ

White, Black, Brown, Red, Male, Female, Jew, Gentile... is Done Away...

What Color is the Spirit of a Man

Proof Text;

Romans 2:28-29

For he is not a Jew (*worship & praiser*) who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; :29 but he is a Jew (*worship & praise*) who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose (*Judaism, live of worship &) praise* is not from men but from God.

The Early Church Had Received A Mandate;

Matthew 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach *all nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mark 16:15

And he said unto them, Go ye into *all the world*, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Luke 24:47

And that repentance of sins should be preached in his name among *all nations*, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8

and ye shall be witnesses unto the *uttermost part of the earth*.

Chapter 10, It's Been 10 Years Now Since the Ascension of Jesus

1.) The Holy Spirit *is Preparing Cornelius* vv. 1-8

Cornelius didn't *know it, but he had been targeted by God*

- a Captain of a Roman Century, 100 men (Centurion)
- a Gentile
- a Devout man...
- *a vow to kill anyone opposing Rome*

Devout man, meaning that he was a convert to Judaism (a true believer in Judaism) but not yet a Christian

2 types of Jewish Converts

#1.) A Convert of Righteousness; (*complete adherents*)

#2.) A Convert of the Gate; (*Cornelius*)

There were seven things that he was to refuse,
the seventh demand being that you eat nothing that contains blood in it

Devout doesn't mean *he's going to heaven. It means that he was! (he was faithful to what enlightenment he had)*

Sincerity counts for nothing with God.. *Sincerely*

The 450 Prophets of Baal,
They Sincerely Prayed, Sincerely Sacrificed, Sincerely Cut themselves

If Sincerity could save you... where would you be?

Matthew 13:12

"For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance.

Matthew 5:6

Blessed (O' how Happy) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

John 6:33

"For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." :34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always. :35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger,

God Knew How Hungry Cornelius Was...

1 Peter 1:2

God Calls You & Cornelius

'*elect (Not Collect) elect...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,*'

Romans 8:29-30

For whom He *foreknew*, (before time began) He also *predestined* (set the course) to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. :30 Moreover whom He *predestined*, (set the course) these He also *called*; (invited) whom He *called*, (invited) these He also *justified*; (made acceptable) and whom He *justified*, (made acceptable) these He also *glorified*. (made a beautiful thing)

(all in the past tense - it's done)

You might be an agnostic, an atheist, a Hindu, a Jew or a Muslim or a centurion... and God is inviting you... You might be one of the predestined!

He's Preparing..... Your Current Situation

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you both *to will* and *to do* for His good pleasure.

to will **GRK** *thelo (thel'-o)*
to plan for you, to fulfill your desire

to do **GRK 1754** *energeo (en-erg-eh'-o)*
to be active, to be efficient to perform to fervent or hot

Verse 3

Ninth Hour, 3 o'clock in the afternoon (The Evening Oblations)

Verse 4

A Memorial **GRK 3422** *mnemosunon (mnay-mos'-oo-non)*
ENG. memorandum, a declaration, a request, a reminder

This man believed in God but had **no assurance of salvation**

You Must have assurance of salvation this morning
(Let's cut to the chase here this morning!)

Let the walls down NOW and get real, here and NOW

It Was Culturally Accepted to Pray (to God or gods)

But this is a sincere prayer of a non-Christian...

A.) *Did God hear him... YES !*

B.) *Does God answer... WAIT !*

God hears all prayer, Even the Non-Christian's

But **WAITS** to Answer **ONE** very special Prayer...

The Cry of Forgiveness

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.
:2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from
you, so that He will not *hear*. *shama (HEB shaw-mah, consent)*

The Memorial (*memorandum*) was **“You Need to be Born Again!”**

Look at Verse 22
“...To Hear Words From You”

2.) The Holy Spirit *is Preparing Peter* vv. 9-16

Verse 9

The Sixth Hour (*the noon hour*)

Verse 10

What's implied is that while he prayed he began to get hungry,
VERY hungry... starving! (*These are Divine Hunger Pains*)

Up on the Roof

you could hear everything from the vents and smell everything
(Lasagna)... so could Peter

Verse 11,12

He's Hungry !!!

this becomes a nightmare for Peter. In the sheet was “all kinds” meaning clean and
unclean, making even the clean now **unclean!!!**.

Verse 13

I love the Way *the Lord speaks here*

Rise, Kill & Eat

Ugg!

This is a Male Thing... a Guy thing...

Verse 14

The dietary laws of the old testament no longer carry religious weight, *but the law of health abides still!*

Leviticus 11

it's not a good (healthy) idea to eat lobster from a health standpoint nor bats or vultures.

Verse 15

Cleansed GRK 2511 katharizo (kath-ar-id'-zo) purge, purify made clean.

God's Word say's... 'Clean!'

John 15:3

"You are already clean because of the word which I have **spoken to you.**

Ephesians 5:26

we are clean by the washing of water **by the word,**

The animals were symbolic,
speaking of the gentile world. The Issue is NOT animals & foods

Ephesians 2:13-14

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **:14** For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Acts 2:17

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:
and your sons and you

Verse 16

Notice, It was taken '**back to heaven**' meaning this stuff's in heaven

Revelation 5:9

And those in heaven 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,***

H.A. Ironside, the great American Bible Teacher and expositor spoke of his dad's last day... 'a great sheet... four-footed animals, wild beast and... and... and... O' yes, and creepy things, that's me' *lectures on acts pg. 250*

3.) The Holy Spirit *Prepares the Meeting* vv. 17-23

The Confirmation of Peter's dream came by divine revelation through the gentiles vv.17-20

The Appointment was by God

_____ God is working from both ends _____

The Lord me to tell you.....Lord will tell me too

The Lord told me to tell you that
"We're to be together"

Doubting Nothing GRK diakrino (dee-ak-ree'-no)

making no distinctions, not to separate, not to cut between,

Romans 14:14-15

I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. :15 Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died.

*The Least Desirable Calling for Peter and the Kosher Way
In Peter's Mind... The Three Strikes Rule Applied Here*

- a Gentile
- a Centurion
- From Caesarea

John 7:17

If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine,

5 men, 1 Italian soldier, 1 Samaritan tanner, 2 Greek servants, and Peter the Jew.

We're talking the odd couple here

- With each of them, *obedience was required. one to call and the other to go*

The Ancient wall had been erected between the two. a wall of religious and racial materials, mortared by traditions and conditions!

Romans 9:25

As He says also in Hosea: "I will call them My people, who were not My people, and her beloved, who was not beloved."

That's Why You Feel So Jewish on the Inside

Gentile on the outside, Jewish on the Inside

Romans 3:29

Is he the God of the Jews only?
is he not also of the Gentiles?
Yes, of the Gentiles also:

John 6:48-

"I am the bread of life. :49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. :50 "This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. :51 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

I don't know what you're having for brunch this morning..... *but may I recommend the bread!*