

ACTS

The Visions of Cornelius and Peter

Acts 10:1-23

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1. It is the revealed will of God that the gospel of Jesus Christ would go to the Jews first and then to the _____ nations.

- a. God's covenant with _____ promised blessing to his descendants (the Jews) and to all the families of the earth.
- b. The prayers of Psalm _____ begin with God's blessings of salvation to the Jews and then speak of His salvation being known among all the nations.
- c. Jesus commissioned the apostles to be His witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.

2. The Lord sovereignly and providentially brought Cornelius and Peter together for _____ purposes.

- a. Cornelius, the Roman Centurion.
 - 1) A _____ man who prayed to the one true God and led his family to do the same.

“Luke’s repeated description of Cornelius’ s piety does not mean that he and his ‘house’ _____ God’s grace as a result of his devotion and charity. It means rather, that the pagan God-fearer is as close to God through this charity and his prayers as the Jews are.” - Eckhard Schnabel

- 2) The Lord sent an angel to Cornelius to direct him to send for Peter.
- b. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ.
 - 1) He was staying with Simon the _____ in Joppa.
 - 2) While in prayer, Peter fell into a trance and the Lord _____ times gave him a vision about eating clean and unclean animals.
 - 3) It was the _____ who directed Peter to go willingly with the men Cornelius had sent.
 - 4) The messengers _____ with Peter in Simon the tanner’s home before leaving for Caesarea.

“By means of the issue of hospitality, Luke demonstrates that the conversion of the first Gentile required the conversion of the _____ as well.” - B.R. Gaventa