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PART 9



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PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM

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PART 9 A New Vision Peter, Cornelius, & a Waiting World

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1. The Vision of Cornelius GOD PREPARES

Acts 10:1-8

1) God PREPARES / THE VISION OF CORNELIUS Acts 10:1-8

¹ At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment.² He & all his family were devout & Godfearing; he gave generously to those in need & prayed to God regularly.³ One day at about three in the afternoon he had a vision. He distinctly saw an angel of God, who came to him & said, "Cornelius!"⁴ Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers & gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God. ⁵ Now send men to Joppa to bring back a man named Simon who is called Peter. ⁶ He is staying with Simon the tanner, whose house is by the sea." ⁷ When the angel...had gone, Cornelius called two of his servants & a devout soldier [attendant]. ⁸ He told them everything that had happened & sent them to Joppa.

1) God PREPARES / THE VISION OF CORNELIUS Acts 10:1-8

GOD PREPARES US FOR HIS PURPOSES THROUGH:

Our DEVOTION to Him: having a reverent recognition of God at work in our lives

Our GENEROSITY in Him: caring about & tending to the material & real needs of others around us

Our PRAYER with Him: regular attention to the things of God that aligns us with His will & ways

2. The Vision of Peter GOD PROCLAIMS Acts 10:9-23

2) God PROCLAIMS / THE VISION OF PETER Acts 10:9-23

⁹ About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, **Peter went up on the roof to pray**. ¹⁰ He became hungry & wanted something to eat, & while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance. ¹¹ He saw heaven opened & something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. ¹² It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, as well as reptiles & birds. ¹³ Then a Voice told him, "Get up, Peter. Kill & eat." ¹⁴ "Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean." ¹⁵ The Voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁶ This happened three times, & immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven.

2) God PROCLAIMS / THE VISION OF PETER Acts 10:9-23

¹⁷ While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate. ¹⁸ They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there. ¹⁹ While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them." ²¹ Peter went down & said to the men, "I'm the one you're looking for. Why have you come?" ²² The men [explained about Cornelius & his vision].²³ Then Peter invited the men into the house to be his guests. The next day Peter started out with them, & some of the believers from Joppa went along.

2) God PROCLAIMS / THE VISION OF PETER Acts 10:9-23

GOD'S VISION DIRECTIVE TO PETER PROCLAIMS:

God's PROGRESSIVE Plan for His People: *DEVOTION through deprivation, PURIFICATION through consecration, & REDEMPTION through reunion*

God's DEVELOPMENT of His Disciples: following the model of Peter's CONFESSION (Mt 16:16), COMMISSION (Jn 21:15-17), & CONVERSION (Ac 10:15)

3. The Preaching of Truth GOD PROVIDES Acts 10:24-48

²⁴ The following day [they] arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them & had called together his relatives & close friends. ²⁵ As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him & fell at his feet in reverence. ²⁶ But Peter made him get up. "Stand up," he said, "I am only a man myself." ²⁷ While talking with him, Peter went inside & found a large gathering of people.²⁸ He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. ²⁹ So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?" ³⁰ Cornelius [shared about the angel's visit & message, saying:]³³ "So I sent for you immediately, & it was good of you to come. Now we are all here in

the Presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him & does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, PROCLAIMING the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit & power, & how He went around doing good & healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with Him.

³⁹ We are witnesses of everything He did in the country of the Jews & in Jerusalem. They killed Him by hanging Him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised Him from the dead on the third day & caused Him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate & drank with Him after He rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people & to testify that He is the One whom God appointed as Judge of the living & the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His Name."

⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, <u>the Holy Spirit</u> <u>came upon all who heard the message</u>. ⁴⁵ The circumcised

believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues & praising God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷ "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have." ⁴⁸ So he ordered that they be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.

GOD PROVIDES FOR US BY HIS OWN HOLY SPIRIT:

The CLARIFICATION of His Will: the Holy Spirit shows us the way to go, even when unexpected or surprising

The CONVICTION of His Love: the Holy Spirit opens our hearts & our doors to "strangers" & "others"

The CONFIRMATION of His Presence: the Holy Spirit inspires our worship & releases our proclamation of God

4. The Defense of Faith GOD PRODUCES Acts 11:1-18

4) God PRODUCES / THE DEFENSE OF FAITH Acts 11:1-18

¹ The apostles & the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him³ & said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men & ate with them."⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story [of his vision from God, the visit of Cornelius' men, & the events in Caesarea hearing about Cornelius' vision & preaching to the group].¹⁵ "As I began to speak," [Peter said,] "the Holy Spirit came on them as He had...on us [SEE ACTS 2]. 16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit' [ACTS 1:5]. ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift He gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections & praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

4) God PRODUCES / THE DEFENSE OF FAITH Acts 11:1-18

GOD PRODUCES IN US:

The Capacity to WITNESS: our testimony of God at work in & through us continues God's work around us

The Conviction to PERSUADE: our witness will be winsome to others as God works through us in them

The Revelation to UNIFY: as the Holy Spirit of Christ works through His witnesses, His people unite together

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