

Acts 10:1-23 2026 – Cornelius Sends a Delegation; Peter's Vision; Summoned to Caesarea!

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Last Week: [9:40-43] *But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. [41] Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. [42] And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. [43] So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.*

ACTS 10:1-23: – Peter and Cornelius

[1] There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, [2] a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always. [3] About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, "Cornelius!" [4] And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. [5] Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter. [6] He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do." [7] And when the angel who spoke to him had departed, Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually. [8] So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Peter's Vision

[9] The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. [10] Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance [11] and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. [12] In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. [13] And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." [14] But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." [15] And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." [16] This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. [17] 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. [18] And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. [19] While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. [20] Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them." [21] 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?" [22] 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." [23] Then he invited them in and lodged them. On the next day Peter went away with them, and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

SUMMARY: "IS IT OK TO EAT PORK?"

- The man Cornelius, whom God wanted Peter to reach would not have been Peter's choice. Not only was he not thrilled about going to the Gentiles, but he certainly was not thrilled about going to a Roman soldier.

- **This man Cornelius was from the Italian cohort, a special division. He was a centurion**, which means he has 100 men under his authority. But God was preparing Peter's heart.
- **Prior to Peter's encounter with Cornelius, it says in Acts 9:43, it says that Peter stays with a man named Simon who was a tanner.** A tanner is one who is killing animals and exposed to dead bodies and is considered to be unclean according to Old Testament regulations.
- **We know that Peter did not get complete victory over this incident** because later Peter is going to get into a very serious problem with the apostle Paul who confronted him because he is going to fellowship with Gentiles and eat with them.
- **This kosher problem is bigger in the New Testament, than any of us Gentiles fully appreciate.** It is not easy for someone who is totally kosher in every way to be told to take the gospel to somebody who is unclean. And the Gentiles were considered unclean by the Jews.

A few things about this man, CORNELIUS:

- **He has become a CONVERT to Judaism**
- **His OBEDIENCE is described - Acts 10:2**
 - ✓ **He is a devout man, which simply means; He was a proselyte**, one who fears God along with all of his family; He is constantly giving alms to the Jewish people.
 - ✓ **He prayed to God continuously**, who has become a true believer in Judaism.
 - ✓ **Acts 10:3 says that at the ninth hour (3:00 pm) Simon saw this vision, which happens to be the time of the evening sacrifice each day.** Interesting about his obedience to God.
 - ✓ **The proselytes of the gates remained uncircumcised**, and they held to the seven precepts of Noah. They had to get rid of seven things in their lives:
 - ✓ **1. Blasphemy; 2. Idolatry; 3. Murder; 4. Incest; 5. Stealing; 6. Disobedience to authority; 7. Eating flesh with blood in it.**
- **Cornelius' OPPORTUNITY for further understanding came** because he was seeking God's will.
- **Because he prayed to God continually, God gave him further revelation.** This is an example of God answering the prayer of an unbelieving Christian.
- **Here is a clear story of God saying He is going to reward a man's faith** who is not yet a Christian however, he is a true believer in the Lord that we both serve, yet they do not know that it is Jesus. They will when God pours out His Spirit upon them.

PRAY TODAY FOR: (1Ti 2:1-4) Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, [2] for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, [4] who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION – S. Stone/S. Wesley Maranatha (3: 47)

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is His new creation by water and the Word. From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

3 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war, She waits the consummation of peace forevermore: Till, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest, And the great Church victorious Shall be the church at rest.

4 Yet she on earth hath union with the God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.