

Bereans Bible Institute

Module VII – The Apostolic Mission

Lesson 11 – Gentiles receive Spiritual Gifts

- I. Acts 10:1-48 Cornelius' household receives the Apostolic message.
- A. (vs. 1) Cornelius was a Gentile Roman officer – commander of 100 soldiers
 - B. (vs 2) A devout man, who **feared God**, who gave 'alms', who prayed constantly
 - 1. Was Cornelius a proud man or a humble man?
 - C. (vss. 3-6) The vision
 - 1. Were Cornelius' acts of worship enough to receive the inheritance? (vs. 6)
 - D. (vss. 7-8) Cornelius sends 2 servants and a 'devout soldier'
 - 1. Can a soldier be a 'devout' worshipper of God?
 - E. (vss. 9-16) Peter's vision
 - 1. Intended to prepare Peter for what God was doing
 - a. The unclean animals represented the Gentiles.
 - b. The REAL reason that God required the Jews to eat kosher was to make a metaphorical example of the distinction between the sons of God and the other nations, who all worshipped other gods.
 - 2. The message: God is purifying the Gentiles and making them His sons also.
 - F. (vss. 17-23) The messengers arrive, and Peter lodges them.
 - 1. Was it considered defiling to lodge & feed Gentiles (dogs)?
 - G. (vss. 24-33) Peter arrives at Cornelius' house
 - 1. Cornelius worshiped Peter; Peter rebukes him (only God is to be worshiped)
 - 2. Many people gathered from Cornelius household, perhaps soldiers also
 - 3. Peter explains what he had learned from his vision
 - H. (vss. 34-43) Peter's sermon
 - 1. vss. 34-35 Peter's conclusion from his vision & Cornelius' angelic visitation:
 - a. God does not show favoritism to the Jews
 - b. God accepts those who fear Him and do justice
 - 2. vss. 36-38 *"36 The Word whom He commissioned to the sons of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ, this One is Master of all. 37 You have observed the report proceeding down the whole of Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John announced, 38 [about] Jesus from Nazareth, how God anointed Him with holy Breath and power, who passed through doing good and healing all those being oppressed by the Devil, because God was with Him."*
 - 3. vss. 39-41 The Apostolic Witness of the RESURRECTION
 - a. Acts 1:8; Acts 4:33
 - 4. vss. 42-43 The Apostles commissioned, Jesus ordained Judge, Prophets testify to the Gentiles' being saved (Isaiah 42:1-4 LXX; Mal. 1:11).
 - I. (vss. 44-46) The holy Breath falls upon (epi) the group (Acts 8:16)
 - J. (vss. 47-48) Baptism of the group
 - 1. *"Can anyone forbid water"* implies that some of the Jewish believers with Peter had been opposed to baptizing Gentiles. Their 'astonishment' was in God's demonstrated acceptance.
- II. Peter Defends His actions (Acts 11:1-4, 15-18)
- A. (vss. 1-4) The Jewish believers in Jerusalem contended with Peter concerning the kosher laws.
 - B. (vss. 15-18) God's stamp of approval was His holy Breath falling upon them.