

Acts, Part 10

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Introduction Summary

In this lesson, we will cover **Acts chapter ten**. We will see that the kingdom of God works by Christians helping others. Even the proper way of fasting involves helping others. God is interested in the wellbeing of everyone at all times. That is why the Holy Ghost fell on the Gentiles, as well as on the Jews. That event delivered Peter from racism against the Gentiles.

- I. **Acts 10:2-6:** Cornelius was seeking God.
 - A. He received a Word of knowledge (1 Cor. 12:4-11).
 - B. Today, the Holy Spirit will reveal to you things you don't know.
- II. **Acts 10:14:** God uses different foods to describe different kinds of people.
- III. **Acts 10:15-19:** God has a special interest in your wellbeing.
 - A. The books are a record of what a person did in life (Rev. 20:12-13).
 - B. God will judge us according to what is in the Bible.
- IV. **Acts 10:19-20:** Peter gets a Word of knowledge from the Holy Spirit.
 - A. We know the verse refers to the Holy Spirit by the context of the verse.
 - B. Our own spirit is our conscience.
 - C. God leads us by the peace of God inside of us (Col 3:15).
 - D. The voice of the Holy Spirit is more authoritative than our own spirit.
 - E. The first time I remember hearing the Holy Spirit's voice was when He told me He called me to preach.
- V. **Acts 10:21-22:** Cornelius was seeking God for what he did not know. God uses Peter, because God uses men in the earth.
- VI. **Acts 10:23:** Peter had broken Jewish law when he went to see Cornelius.
- VII. **Acts 10:24:** Cornelius' relatives and friends were seeking God.
- VIII. **Acts 10:25-26:** We don't worship other people. We only worship God.
- IX. **Acts 10:24-28:** God will use something natural to illustrate a spiritual point.
 - A. Jesus commanded the disciples to go to Jews and Gentiles (Acts 1:8).
 - B. Peter understands his vision later (Acts 10:10-16).

- C. God will speak things to you, but you need revelation to understand.
 - D. Today, God wants to reach all races. Don't limit your ministry.
 - E. Only ministering to one race is an avenue for satan to work.
- X. **Acts 10:29-30:** Cornelius was fasting when he received a Word of knowledge.
 - A. The best way is to live a fasted life (Isa. 58:6).
 - B. There are times you need to take special time in fasting and prayer.
 - C. During a fast, prayer and the Word are key.
 - D. The proper fast is always about you helping someone else (Isa 58:6-7).
 - E. There's no such thing as harvest without planted seed (Gen. 8:22).
 - F. In Isaiah 58:8-14, we see the benefits of the proper fast.
 - G. We must put away strife (Isa. 58:9).
 - H. When your faith pleases God, He moves on your behalf.
 - I. When you fast, don't tell everyone you're fasting (Mat. 6:16).
 - J. Bro. Kenneth E. Hagin, my spiritual father, started off fasting and praying twice a week. Then God led him to live a fasted life – He would never let his body have everything it wanted. Always spend more time with God than doing other things.
- XI. **Acts 10:31:** God recognized Cornelius' prayer and giving. Everything in the kingdom of God is two-fold.
- XII. **Acts 10:32-36:** Cornelius and his household received the Word of peace.
 - A. This was different than the peace *of* God (Rom. 5:1).
 - B. Rejecting Jesus is the sin that sends a person to hell.
 - C. Only Jesus settled that breach. Jesus is the only way to peace *with* God.
- XIII. **Acts 10:37-38:** Power means supernatural ability or miracle working power.
 - A. Jesus was anointed because, as a Man, He needed God's anointing.
 - B. You have God's authority and character in you (Rom 5:5; Mark 16:17-18).
 - C. God anointed Jesus, and God anointed you (Acts 10:38; Eph. 2:5-6).
- XIV. **Acts 10:39-43:** Jesus is the judge of the living and the dead according to the Bible (the law). Whoever believes on Him receives freedom (remission) from sin.
- XV. **Acts 10:44-46:** We know the Holy Ghost fell on the Gentiles because they spoke in tongues and magnified God. That was a surprise to the disciples.
- XVI. **Acts 10:47-48:** Peter was delivered from racism against the Gentiles.
 - A. Seeing the Gentiles filled with the Spirit knocked over their sacred cows.
 - B. We have lots of sacred cows that have been set up by men's traditions.

Closing Summary

Everything in the kingdom of God involves giving and receiving. As we give our attention to living a fasted life, we will realize giving is a part of life. Then, we will see God's will manifest in our lives every day in a supernatural way.