

Acts 10 : 1-20. Study Acts 10 : 1-48—*Memory Verses, 13-15.

Golden Text—In every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.—Acts 10 : 35.



1 There was a certain man in Cæsarea called Corne'lius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band.

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Corne'lius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord ? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Jop'pa, and call for one Si'mon, whose surname is Pe'ter :

6 He lodgeth with one Si'mon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side : he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Corne'lius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually :

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Jop'pa.

9 On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Pe'ter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour :

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten : but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth :

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things,

and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Pe'ter ; kill, and eat.

14 But Pe'ter said, Not so, Lord ; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice : and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

17 Now while Pe'ter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Corne'lius had made inquiry for Si'mon's house, and stood before the gate,

18 And called, and asked whether Si'mon, which was surnamed Pe'ter, were lodged there.

19 While Pe'ter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee.

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing : for I have sent them.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In the city of Cæsarea lived a Roman officer named Cornelius. He was a Gentile, as the Jews called all other people besides themselves, but he had learned to pray to the one true God and taught every one in his house to fear Him. Cornelius was also very kind in helping the poor.

One afternoon, as Cornelius was praying in his house, an angel of God appeared to him, and called him by name. Cornelius was filled with fear, and said, "What is it, Lord ?" And the angel answered : "Cornelius, the Lord has seen your gifts to the poor people, and has heard your prayers. Now, send men to Joppa, and let them bring to you a man named Simon Peter. He is staying in the house of Simon a tanner, who lives by the

seaside there." Then the angel passed out of sight ; and Cornelius called two servants, and a soldier who worshiped God, and telling them what the angel had said, sent them to Joppa to bring Peter.

The next day at noon, Peter went up to the flat roof of the house to pray. As he prayed, he grew very hungry. Then he saw a strange vision : a great sheet let down from heaven by its four corners ; and in it all kinds of birds and beasts and creeping things. Many of these the laws of the Jews forbade them to eat ; and yet a voice from heaven said to Peter, "Rise, Peter, kill and eat".

So Peter answered, "Not so, Lord ; for I have never eaten anything that is forbidden". Then the voice spoke again, saying, "What

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