



BIBLE STUDY

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2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The Book of Acts

“Can I Get A Witness-The Gospel To The Ends Of The Earth”

Acts 10:23-33

Peter & Cornelius: The Meeting That Changed The World

1. Peter Prepares To Go To Caesarea

23 Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

lodged them "to entertain as a guest."

24 And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and he had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

2. Peter & Cornelius Meet

A. Cornelius Respect for Peter

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

NIV As Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet in reverence.

NIRV 25 When Peter entered the house, Cornelius met him. **As a sign of respect, he fell at Peter's feet.**

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

B. Peter Explains His Tradition

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

AMP 28 He said to them, "You know that it is unlawful for a Jewish man to associate with or befriend a Gentile, or to visit him; and yet **God has shown me that I am not to call anyone common or [ceremonially] unclean.**

NLT Peter told them, "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as **impure or unclean.**

MSG: **But God has just shown me that no race is better than any other.** So the minute I was sent for, I came, no questions asked.

TPT 28 Peter said to them, "You all know that it is against the Jewish laws for me to associate with or even visit the home of one who is not a Jew. **Yet God has shown me that I should never view anyone as inferior or ritually unclean.**

29 Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

Gainsaying- Without contradiction, without hesitation, promptly.

NLT 29 **So I came without objection** as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me."

NIRV 29 So when you sent for me, **I came without asking any questions.**

C. Cornelius Tells His Vision

30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

NLT: 31He told me, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and **your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God!**

AMP: 31and he said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and **your acts of charity have been remembered before God** [so that He is about to help you].

NIRV 31He said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer. **He has remembered your gifts to poor people.**

MSG: Cornelius, your daily prayers and **neighborly acts have brought you to God’s attention.**

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

3. Cornelius Thanks Peter: Ready To Hear The Message

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

Thou hast well done. —The peculiar turn of the phrase, in social usage, made it the expression, not of mere approval, but of heartfelt gratitude.

NASB "So I sent for you immediately, and **you have been kind enough to come.** Now then, we are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord."

MSG 33“So I did it—I sent for you. And you’ve been good enough to come. **And now we’re all here in God’s presence, ready to listen to whatever the Master put in your heart to tell us.**”