

Dealing with Prejudice Notes

Acts 10:1-33

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Main Point: God is always at work...and sometimes we get to see it. When we don't see it...remember God is always at work.

Adjust our attitudes (Acts 10:1-20).

1. Cornelius

- He was _____.
- He _____ God.
- He was _____.
- He prayed _____.
- Angel appeared to him while he was praying at 3pm.
- He was filled with fear, but responded with "What is it, Lord?"
- His praying and giving were like sweet _____ to God.
- He is told to send men to Joppa for Peter.

2. Peter

- God could have sent Phillip to Cornelius because he was living in Caesarea at the time.
- God wanted Peter because he was a _____ leader of the church, who held some keys (Matthew 16:19).
- God used Peter to unlock three doors for gospel proclamation among three key groups of people: Jews, Samaritans, and Gentiles.
- God had to prepare Peter to go and explain the gospel to a hated Gentile.
- God had to deal with a huge _____ issue Peter had.
- Peter was praying at noon.
- He was hungry and wanted something to eat (vs. 10)
- He fell into a trance (vs. 11-12).
- He saw something like a linen sheet descending with clean and unclean animals in it.
- Peter was raised only to eat what was considered ceremonially _____ and Kosher.
- Abstaining from unclean animals was part of his Jewish heritage and _____.
- God tells him to kill and eat (vs. 13).
- Peter responds with "By no means, Lord (14)."
- God responds with "What God has made clean, do not call common (vs. 15)."
- Peter was _____ with what the vision meant.

- Perplexed means he was “in _____ and hesitating greatly.”
- At the exact time he was perplexed, men stood at the gate and asked if this was the place where Peter was staying.
- God told Peter to “go down and accompany them without _____.”
 - The Gentiles are not to be put in a separate category any longer.
- God is preparing Cornelius for salvation while preparing Peter to get rid of his _____ and bigotry towards Gentiles.

Align our actions (Acts 10:21-33).

1. He didn't understand everything, but he _____ anyway.
 - _____ often comes after obedience (John 7:17).
2. Peter gives them a bed and some breakfast.
3. He went to Caesarea with six brothers from Joppa (Acts 11:12).
4. Cornelius was eager for his family and _____ to hear the good news from Peter.
 - To “worship” literally means, “to throw kisses toward while lying _____.”
 - Idols we worship will not satisfy us and will ultimately _____ us.
 - Peter _____ any worship or adoration or claim of infallibility.
5. Cornelius expresses his eagerness to hear what Peter has to say about the glories of the _____.

Principles

1. _____ with any prejudice or racism in your heart.
2. God moves when His people practice spiritual _____.
3. Practice _____ obedience.
4. God is _____ when we delay to obey.
5. Minister to your _____ and friends.
6. Trust God's timing and _____ to His sovereignty.