

PETER'S VISION

Acts 10

THE GOSPEL 5D EXPERIENCE

KEY VERSE: Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. Acts 10:34-35

SONG: I WAS FAR AWAY, NOT APART OF YOUR PEOPLE
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SCRIPT / CAST: ANGEL, PETER, CORNELIUS, THREE SERVANTS, PETER'S 2 FRIENDS, CORNELIUS' FAMILY, GOD, DISCIPLES, ANIMALS

Now in Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Cohort. He was a devout man, revering God with all his household. He gave tzedakah generously to the people and prayed to God continually. About the ninth hour of the day, he saw clearly in a vision an Angel of God coming and saying to him,

ANGEL- Cornelius

He stared at him in terror and said,

CORNELIUS- What is it, Lord?

The Angel said to him,

ANGEL-Your prayers and tzedakah have gone up as a memorial offering before God. Now send men to Joppa and call for Simon, also named Peter. He is being entertained as a guest by Simon the tanner, whose house is beside the sea.

When the angel speaking to him had left, he called two of his servants and a soldier from among those attached to his command. After he explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa. The next day, as the soldiers were traveling and approaching the city, Peter went up to the rooftop to pray, at about the sixth hour. Now he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they were preparing something, he fell into a trance. He saw the heavens opened, and something like a great sheet coming down, lowered by its four corners to the earth. In it were all sorts of four-footed animals and reptiles and birds of the air. A voice came to him,

ANGEL- Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.

But Peter said,

PETER- Certainly not, Lord! For never have I eaten anything unholy or unclean.

Again a voice came to him, a second time:

ANGEL- What God has made clean, you must not consider unholy.

This happened three times, and the sheet was immediately taken up to heaven. Now while Peter was puzzling about what the vision he had seen might mean, behold, the men sent by Cornelius found Simon's house and appeared before the gate. They called out and began to ask whether Simon, also called Peter, was staying in this place as a guest. Now while Peter was mulling over the vision, the Ruach said to him,

RUACH- Look here, three men are looking for you. But get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitating, because I Myself have sent them.

Going down to the men, Peter said,

PETER- Here, I'm the one you're looking for. What is the reason for your coming?

And they said,

MEN- Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man well-spoken of by all the Jewish people, was directed by a holy angel to summon you to his house and to hear a message from you."

So Peter invited them in to be his guests. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. The following day he entered Caesarea. Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter pulled him up, saying,

PETER- Stand up! I too am just a man.

Talking with him, Peter went inside and found many people gathered. He said to them,

PETER- You yourselves know that it is not permitted for a Jewish man to associate with a non-Jew or to visit him. Yet God has shown me that I should call no one unholy or unclean. So I came without objection when I was sent for. I ask, then, what is the reason why you sent for me?

Cornelius declared,

CORNELIUS- Four days ago at this hour, I was praying minchah in my house. Suddenly, a man stood in front of me in shining clothes.

He says,

CORNELIUS- ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your tzedakah remembered before God. Therefore send to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is also called Peter. He is staying in the house of Simon the tanner, by the sea.’ So I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.

Then Peter opened his mouth and said,

PETER- I truly understand that God is not one to show favoritism, but in every nation the one who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. You know the message He sent to Bnei-Yisrael, proclaiming shalom through Messiah Yeshua—He is Lord of all. You know the message that has spread throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the immersion that John proclaimed. You know how God anointed Yeshua of Natzeret with the Ruach ha-Kodesh and power—how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, because God was with Him.

We are witnesses to all He did, both in the Judean countryside and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him up on the third day and caused Him to be visible— not to all the people, but to us, witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God. We ate and drank with Him after He And He commanded us to proclaim to the people and to testify that He is the One ordained by God as Judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about Him—that everyone who puts his trust in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Ruach ha-Kodesh fell on all those hearing the message. All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were astonished, because the gift of the Ruach ha-Kodesh had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and magnifying God. Then Peter answered,

PETER- Can anyone refuse water for these to be immersed, who have received the Ruach ha-Kodesh just as we did?

So he commanded them to be immersed in the name of Messiah Yeshua. Then they asked him to stay for a few days. Now the emissaries and brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. But when Peter went up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision took issue with him, saying,

DISCIPLE- You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them!

So Peter began explaining to them point by point, saying,

PETER- I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision—something like a great sheet coming down, being lowered from heaven by its four corners, and it came right to me. I looked inside, considering it carefully, and saw four-footed creatures of the earth, wild animals, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’ But I said, ‘Certainly not, Lord! For never has anything unholy or unclean entered my mouth.’ But a voice from heaven answered a second time, ‘What God has made clean, you must not consider unholy.’ This happened three times, and then everything was pulled up to heaven. At that very moment, three men arrived at the house where we were, sent to me from Caesarea. The Ruach told me to go with them without hesitating. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. He reported to us how he had seen an angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon called Peter. He will speak words to you by which

you will be saved—you and all your household.’ As I began to speak, the Ruach ha-Kodesh fell on them, just as on us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John immersed with water, but you will be immersed in the Ruach ha-Kodesh.’ Therefore if God gave them the same gift as also to us after we put our trust in the Lord Messiah Yeshua, who was I to stand in God’s way? When they heard this they became quiet, and they glorified God, saying, “Then even to the Gentiles God has granted repentance leading to life!

I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He knew beforehand. Or do you not know what the Scripture says about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

ELIJAH- Adonai, they have killed your prophets, they have destroyed your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.

But what is the divine response to him?

ELIJAH- I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

So in the same way also at this present time there has come to be a remnant according to God’s gracious choice. But if it is by grace, it is no longer by works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained; but the elect obtained it, and the rest were hardened— just as it is written,

ELIJAH- God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes not to see and ears not to hear, until this very day.

And David says,

DAVID- Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. Let their eyes be darkened so they do not see, and bend their back continually.

I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their false step salvation has come to the Gentiles, to provoke Israel to jealousy. Now if their transgression leads to riches for the world, and their loss riches for the Gentiles, then how much more their fullness! But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Insofar as I am an emissary to the Gentiles, I spotlight my ministry if somehow I might provoke to jealousy my own flesh and blood and save some of them. For if their rejection leads to the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the firstfruit is holy, so is the whole batch of dough; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. But if some of the branches were broken off and you—being a wild olive—were grafted in among them and became a partaker of the root of the olive tree with its richness, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, it is not you who support the root but the root supports you. You will say then,

PERSON - Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.

True enough. They were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but fear—for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you. Notice then the kindness and severity of God: severity toward those who fell; but God’s kindness toward you, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off! And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft

them in again. For if you were cut out of that which by nature is a wild olive tree, and grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree? For I do not want you, brothers and sisters, to be ignorant of this mystery—lest you be wise in your own eyes—that a partial hardening has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,

PERSON- The Deliverer shall come out of Zion. He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.
And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.

Concerning the Good News, they are hostile for your sake; but concerning chosenness, they are loved on account of the fathers—for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you once were disobedient to God but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, in like manner these also have now been disobedient with the result that, because of the mercy shown to you, they also may receive mercy. For God has shut up all in disobedience, so that He might show mercy to all. O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how incomprehensible His ways! For who has known the mind of Adonai, or who has been His counselor? Or who has first given to Him, that it shall be repaid to him? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen.

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WRITTEN ON YOUR HEART

Parent opens time with prayer. (2 min)

Reflect on the Story

1. What did you like?
2. What confused you?
3. What did you learn about God?
4. What did you learn about people?
5. How can you apply what you learned from this story in your life this week?
6. How will you remember this story?

7. Who will you tell this story to?

How is your heart doing?

What would you like prayer for?

(Take turns praying for each other)

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How does this verse make you feel?

Pray the Word

Father, thank You that each day You added more and more people to this group of followers. Thank you that they were devoted to meeting together, remembering Jesus, and praying to God.

Father, would you please add more and more people to this group of followers. Help us be devoted to teaching, meeting together, remembering Jesus, and to praying to You.

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