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Acts 10:19-48

19 While Peter 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.

21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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?

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.

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.

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.

34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by **Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)**

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about

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doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;

41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

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Jesus Christ is Lord of all

Jesus Christ is the Lord of everyone. Jesus is the God of the entire creation for all things were

made by him and for him.

John 1:1-5

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 1:10-14

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

John tells us that we were created by Jesus Christ, and that Jesus is the word who spoke, "let there be light." Jesus is the same one that is recorded in Genesis 1! Thus Jesus Christ is the Lord of all!

Jesus Christ Is Not A Respector of Persons

Until Acts 10 Peter thought that only Jews could be saved. The Lord had to send three visions to Peter before he was ready to preach the Gospel to a wicked Roman soldier. The Jews hated the Roman soldiers and governors who ruled Israel.

A Jew had to obey any command that a Roman gave them. For instance, if a soldier wanted a Jew to carry some stuff, the Jew was forced to obey or suffer severe punishment. Many of the Romans were just like the Nazis during WWII.

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Thus when a Centurion was praying and fasting seeking the Lord, Peter could not believe that a Roman soldier who was a commander of 100 men (maybe the equivalent of a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army). Israel was part of the eastern frontier of the Roman Empire. Thus there was continual battles involving the Romans and the Parthian invaders. Thus Peter had utter contempt for the Romans since they were the occupying army of Israel.

Peter could not understand how a pagan Roman soldier could ever pray and fast to the One True Lord. The Romans were all supposed to be idolaters and lascivious heathens. So the Lord really had to bring a total change of thought to Peter's way of thinking.

In the end Peter realized that the Lord is not a respecter of persons and that Jesus died for everyone.

Do Not Worship the Messenger

When Peter first came to Cornelius, Cornelius started to worship Peter. Being a Roman Cornelius thought that Peter was a god like the Roman Emperor. Thus both Peter and Cornelius had some serious lessons from the Lord. Cornelius learned that you should not worship the messenger, and Peter learned that God is not a respecter of persons.

Many people worship the messenger forgetting all about the true Lord God. Many Christians worship their preacher, like many Muslims worship Mohammad. I have seen many preachers take in the praise and adoration without telling the people that they are only to worship the Lord.

When Cornelius began to worship Peter, Peter told him that he must not do so. More preachers should tell their flock like Peter told Cornelius.

Luke 4:8

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

In conclusion you should put nothing before the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our creator, our savior, and our redeemer. There is nobody else beside Jesus Christ who we are to worship. This was an important lesson for Cornelius as it is also for us.

It is Jesus who died on the cross of Calvary for us. There is no other being in the world that we should worship. Jesus is Lord of all.

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