

## Study Notes and Questions for Acts 10

- What does the angelic messenger sent to Cornelius tell you about the heart of God?
- The Lord acknowledged to Cornelius that his acts of charity and prayers had been noticed by God. Read **Luke 18:19** and explain how that passage helps us to understand why Cornelius still lacked what was necessary.
- **Note: *Roof to pray*** (10:9). A Middle Eastern house normally had a flat roof with an outside stairway. There was often a cloth awning over the roof to shield the sun. The inside of the house was hot, stuffy, smelly, and busy during the day, but the roof was cool and private for prayer or relaxation.
- What was the immediate message of the vision the Lord gave to Peter in 10:9–16?
- Why do you think Peter objected to the message he received in the vision?
- Why do you think the Lord told Peter to go with the men without hesitation?
- After the messengers from Cornelius came and reported Cornelius' angelic appearance, what further application of the vision was apparent to Peter (see 10:23–29)?
- **Note:** Caesarea was thirty miles from Joppa, so it would have taken a full day on horseback for each leg of the journey.
- How did Cornelius react when Peter finally arrived?
- **Note: *I too am a man*** (10:26). People often knelt before their superiors in the cultures of both the Old Testament and the Roman Empire. However, Christians objected to such expressions of reverence because it was similar to the honor given a god.
- What cultural objections did Peter need to overcome in order to walk in obedience to God's commands?
- When Peter observed Cornelius's manner and heard his account of the angel's message, what did Peter realize?
- Why is it important for you that God doesn't show favoritism?
- How is 10:34–43 a model for a way you can explain the gospel to people you encounter?