

1. Clean and unclean animals & food.

- a. Animals of the Ark: Genesis 7:1-3.
- b. Animals as diet: Leviticus 11:1-3; 9 & 12; 20-21; 24, 27; 41-43.
- c. Holiness: Leviticus 11:44-45.
- d. Mark 7:14-23, esp. vs. 19

2. People.

- a. Marriage: Deuteronomy 7:1-11. *Holiness was the intent of these commands.*
- b. Stranger, sojourners, aliens: Deuteronomy 10:12-21, esp. vs. 17-19. *Love the aliens.*
- c. Circumcision:
 1. Physical - Genesis 17:10-14; Exodus 12:48
 2. Lips: Exodus 6:12
 3. Heart: Leviticus 26:39-42
 4. Ears: Jeremiah 6:10
 5. Heart & Ears: Acts 7:51
 6. True circumcision of God: Romans 2:28-29; Colossians 2:11-14;

3. God foreshadows inclusion of the Gentiles.

- a. Genesis 12:1-3: all families of the earth to be blessed by the Seed.
- b. Isaiah 49:1-7; salvation to the Gentiles
- c. Luke 2:54-55: Jesus the fulfillment of Genesis 12:1-3
- d. Luke 2:29-32: Gentiles to be included.
- e. Matthew 15:21-28 – The Canaanite Woman.
- f. Acts 2:1-11: The languages of the Gentiles extol the wonderful works of God.
- g. Acts 26:15-18, 23: Paul sent to the Gentiles. Apostles in Jerusalem did not understand.

4. Cornelius the Centurion, Acts 10:1-8, 22; 11:11-13

- a. What is the description of Cornelius in verses 1-3?
- b. What is the description of Cornelius in verse 22?
- c. Did Peter provide the Jerusalem church with a description of Cornelius in 11:11-13?
- d. What were the spiritual characteristics of Cornelius?
- e. Was he a proselyte?
- f. What was he doing before the visitation and at what time was he doing it?
- g. What knowledge did Peter assume Cornelius had regarding Jesus & Scripture?

5. Revelation from God to Cornelius, Acts 10:3-6; 10:30-31.

- a. Cornelius saw a ὄραμα horama (Thayer's Greek Definitions)
 1. that which is seen, spectacle
 2. a sight divinely granted in an ecstasy or in a sleep, a vision
- b. Peter experienced a ἐκστασις ekstasis (Thayer's Greek Definitions))
 1. any casting down of a thing from its proper place or state, displacement
 2. a throwing of the mind out of its normal state, alienation of mind, whether such as makes a lunatic or that of a man who by some sudden emotion is transported as it were out of himself, so that in this rapt condition, although he is awake, his mind is drawn off from all surrounding objects and wholly fixed on things divine that he sees nothing but the forms and images lying within, and thinks that he perceives with his bodily eyes and ears realities shown him by God.
 3. amazement, the state of one who, either owing to the importance or the novelty of an event, is thrown into a state of blended fear and wonderment.
- c. What do the two experiences have in common and what distinguishes them?
- d. Who did Luke (v. 3), the delegation to Peter (v. 22), Cornelius (v. 30), and Peter (11:1) say appeared to Cornelius?

- e. What is the message given to Cornelius? (see vs. 10:3-6; 22, 31-32, 11:13-14)
- f. What does it mean that Cornelius' prayers and alms were come up for a memorial before God? Was it a reward for some good works of Cornelius?
- g. Why didn't God just send Peter to Cornelius?
- h. Why didn't God just send Cornelius to Peter?
- i. In what way was the command explicit, and in what ways was it lacking?
- j. Some translations have, "he will tell thee what thou (you) must do" and some do not...however, in 10:22 and 11:14 Cornelius is told something more and what to expect of Peter. What additional information was given to Cornelius and what was he to expect from Peter?
- k. What does Cornelius do after the message?
- l. Who comprised the delegation sent to Peter?
- m. When did they leave and how long did it take them to arrive in Caesarea and Simon's house?
- n. What did Cornelius do after the vision?
- o. What do we learn of Cornelius' household and of his treatment of them? Was he concerned only for himself?

6. God's revelation to Peter, Acts 10:9-23

- a. Two different revelations are given to Peter – who issues the two revelations?
- b. What do the time of day and the fact that Peter went up to pray have to do with his reception of this vision?
- c. The sixth hour: this was another time of prayer used by the Jews, and is what they call the great Minchah, (John Gill)
- d. Why is Peter's hunger significant for the revelation?
- e. What is he told to do? How many times is he told to do this?
- f. Was Peter disobedient to the Lord?
- g. How was it possible that whereas formerly God had enjoined His people not to eat unclean animals, He now commands Peter to do so?
- h. What does it mean that God had cleansed them?
- i. How had God cleansed them?
- j. what is the meaning of the vision?
- k. Does the Lord merely mean to teach Peter that from now on it is all right for him to ignore the Mosaic restrictions about food, and such like things?
- l. Is there a fundamental principle taught in this object lesson? How is it taught in the vision?
- m. What happened outside the house as the vision ended?
- n. What instructions did Peter receive from the Holy Spirit?
- o. What does the Holy Spirit not tell Peter?
- p. What four things does Peter do one day one and the next day after receiving instructions from the Holy Spirit?