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A Biographical Study of Cornelius

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Cornelius

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

- I. A religious sinner in Caesarea
 - A. His veneration for God—“There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always” (Acts 10:1-2).
 - B. His visit from God
 1. The messenger—“He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius” (Acts 10:3).
 2. The message—“And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgest with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do?” (Acts 10:4-6).
 3. The mission—“And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa” (Acts 10:7-8).
- II. A redeemed sinner at Caesarea
 - A. The conversation with Cornelius
 1. The reception
 - a. The reaction by the sinner—“And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him” (Acts 10:25).
 - b. The rebuke by the soul winner—“But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man” (Acts 10:26).
 2. The perception—“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him” (Acts 10:34-35).
 - B. The clarification to Cornelius
 1. Peter explained the person of Jesus—“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him” (Acts 10:38).
 2. Peter explained the promise of Jesus—“To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins” (Acts 10:43).
 - C. The conversion of Cornelius
 1. His belief in Christ (Acts 10:44-45)
 2. His baptism in Christ (Acts 10:46-48)

STATISTICS

First mention: Acts 10:1

Final mention: Acts 10:31

Meaning of his name: "A horn"

Frequency of his name: Referred to 10 times

Biblical books mentioning him: One book (Acts)

Occupation: Roman military officer

Important fact about his life: He sent for and was led to Christ by the Apostle Peter at Caesarea.