

Cornelius

TEXT: Acts 10:1-2

INTRODUCTION:

A. ONE OF MY FAVORITES – I IDENTIFY WITH HIM – GENTILE – CONCERNED.

B. **A GOOD MORAL MAN.**

1. Possessed of wonderful qualities.
2. **Compared to us.**

C. LET'S STUDY CORNELIUS.

I. HE WAS DEVOUT.

A. **eusebes**, “Pious, Dutiful” (Thayer). “Reverent, awe ... directs us rather to the energy which directed by the holy awe of God, finds expression in devoted activity” (Vine). COMMITTED IN REVERENTIAL FEAR (**Prov. 9:10**).

B. GOD DESERVES IT.

1. The **Creator** (**Gen. 1:1; Rom. 1:20**).
2. The **Controller** of our destinies (**Matt. 10:28, 30-31**).
3. Our **Father** (**Heb. 12:9**).

C. DEVOUT INVOLVES SUBJECTION (**Heb. 12:9; Matt. 7:21**).

II. FEARED GOD WITH ALL HIS HOUSE.

A. HIS FAMILY WAS INVOLVED (**Acts 10:24**).

B. WE MUST PROVIDE (**1 Tim. 5:8**).

1. Israel (**Deut. 4:9-10**).
2. **Ephesians 6:4**. “admonition of the Lord.”

III. GAVE MUCH ALMS.

A. COMPASSION (**1 Pet. 3:8**).

B. BORN OF **LOVE** (**1 John 3:16-18**).

C. TRUST GOD TO REWARD (**Luke 6:35-38; Matt. 10:42**).

IV. PRAYED TO GOD ALWAYS.

A. **1 Thess. 5:17; Luke 18:1**.

B. GOD WILL NOT HEAR THE REBELLIOUS (**Prov. 28:9**).

C. CORNELIUS' PRAYERS (**Acts 10:4-5 – James 5:16 – 1 John 5:16**).

V. CORNELIUS WAS NOT SAVED!

A. **WHAT ALL DID THE ANGEL SAY?** (**Acts 10:4-5, 30-32; 11:11-14**).

B. HE WAS NOT SAVED WHEN HE WROUGHT MIRACLES.

1. **The miracles had a purpose** (**11:15-18**).
2. They were **commanded to be baptized** (**10:44-48**).

C. PETER ON BAPTISM:

1. **Acts 2:38**.
2. **1 Pet. 3:21**.

CONCLUSION:

A. YOU ARE ALL NICE PEOPLE.

B. **THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU ARE SAVED!**

C. NOT ALL SAVED PEOPLE MEASURE UP TO CORNELIUS!