

The Life of the Apostle Peter
Study # 39A
Ministry in Sharon: Part IV
Rise and Go: Peter's Visit to a God Fearer
(Acts 10:22B-33)

I. The People With Peter (23B-24A)

"THEM" (Acts 10:7)

"CERTAIN BRETHREN" (11:11-12)

II. The Presentation of Peter (24B-33A)

A. The Reception by Cornelius (24B-25)

- 1. His Expectation of the Meeting (24B)**
- 2. His Evangelization through the Meeting (24C; 10:6; John 1:40-50)**
- 3. His Excess in the Meeting (25; 14:11-15)**

B. Response of Peter (26-29)

- 1. His Denial (26; Rev. 19:10; Isa. 42:8)**
- 2. His Demonstration (27; James 2:18-20)**
- 3. His Declaration (28-29)**
 - a. About What God Has Shown Him (27-28; 11:1-3; 5:29; John 4:9)**
 - b. About Why God Has Sent Him (29)**

C. Recounting by Cornelius (30-33A; John 8:31)

OBEDIENCE IS A MARK OF GENUINE CONVERSION AND OF GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP.

III. The Petition to Peter

(33B; Prov. 1:5; Mk. 7:16; 10:15; Acts 17:11; 1 Thess. 2:13; 1 Pet. 2:2)

APPLICATION FOR THIS SECTION

So Peter and Cornelius both had been sovereignly prepared by God and had responded obediently to His directions. All was ready for Peter's gospel presentation, which would result in the salvation of Cornelius and the others. *MacArthur New Testament Commentary*

1. God desires the salvation of our loved ones and neighbors more than we desire it!
2. When men, with love in their heart for mankind, are obedient to the Lord ...
3. God can use them to bring men, women, boys and girls to Christ.

"One That Feareth God"

(Gk. *phoboumenos ton theon*) (10:2, 22; 13:16, 26) Strong's # 5399; 2316: Simply stated, this expression means "God-fearer." Luke identifies such a category of people throughout the Book of Acts (10:2, 22, 35; 13:16, 26 for the expression "fearing God," and 13:43, 50; 16:14; 17:4, 17; 18:7 for the expression "worshiping God"). The God-fearers were Gentiles who were interested in Judaism but were not necessarily converts or proselytes. They worshiped the same God and observed the same laws as the Jews did, but they did not become circumcised. Many of these God-fearers were the first Gentiles to become Christians. Cornelius was the prototype of such a God-fearer. *Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Commentary*

A Ω (Word Studies)

near (v. 24) Gk., *anagkaios*. That which one cannot do without, necessary. *Robertson*

gainsaying (v. 29) Gk., *anantirrhetos*. Without answering back.

commanded (v. 33)

Gk., *prostetagma*. Cornelius is a military man and he employs a military term. The word means "to give orders." He is ready for orders from the Lord. *Robertson*