



Divine Delights

*And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
which I have loved. (Psalms 119:47)*

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 alway. 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. 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 are come up for a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: (Acts 10:1-5)

And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean. (Acts 10:28)

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)

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 10:43-45)

I found Acts 10 so exciting to read. I like the way that God worked in both Cornelius and Peter's lives to start the gospel going to the Gentiles. God never disallowed Gentiles to come to Him (eg. Rahab, Ruth), but here God was showing plainly that he wants all to be saved.



When I think of Cornelius' devoutness, fear of God and prayers, I think of the following promise that God spoke to his people hundreds of years before.

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13)

Cornelius wasn't a Jew, but God's wonderful grace is shown here as He answered prayer and allowed this Gentile to experience His salvation and receive the Holy Spirit.

In the next chapter, Peter told the apostles and brethren in Judea what had happened. He concluded his explanation with these words.

Forasmuch then as **God gave them the like gift** as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. Acts 11:17,18

I am so glad that God made this very clear to his people and that they were diligent to spread the good news so that down the track even I can experience God's amazing grace in my life.

Dear Ladies,
May you be encouraged and delight in the Lord also.
Love Heather.