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To The Ends Of The Earth: No Lord

Acts 10:9-23 - The next day as Cornelius's messengers were nearing the town, Peter went up on the flat roof to pray. It was about noon,¹⁰ and he was hungry. But while a meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.¹¹ He saw the sky open, and something like a large sheet was let down by its four corners.¹² In the sheet were all sorts of animals, reptiles, and birds.¹³ Then a voice said to him, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat them."¹⁴ "No, Lord," Peter declared. "I have never eaten anything that our Jewish laws have declared impure and unclean."¹⁵ But the voice spoke again: "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean."¹⁶ The same vision was repeated three times. Then the sheet was suddenly pulled up to heaven.¹⁷ Peter was very perplexed. What could the vision mean? Just then the men sent by Cornelius found Simon's house. Standing outside the gate,¹⁸ they asked if a man named Simon Peter was staying there.¹⁹ Meanwhile, as Peter was puzzling over the vision, the Holy Spirit said to him, "Three men have come looking for you."²⁰ Get up, go downstairs, and go with them without hesitation. Don't worry, for I have sent them."²¹ So Peter went down and said, "I'm the man you are looking for. Why have you come?"²² They said, "We were sent by Cornelius, a Roman officer. He is a devout and God-fearing man, well respected by all the Jews. A holy angel instructed him to summon you to his house so that he can hear your message."²³ So Peter invited the men to stay for the night. The next day he went with them, accompanied by some of the brothers from Joppa.

God Expanding His Kingdom Beyond Israel

Ephesians 2:14 - For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

Mark 7:14-23 - Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "All of you listen," he said, "and try to understand."¹⁵ It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart."¹⁷ Then Jesus went into a house to get away from the crowd, and his disciples asked him what he meant by the parable he had just used.¹⁸ "Don't you understand either?" he asked. "Can't you see that the food you put into your body cannot defile you?"¹⁹ Food doesn't go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer." (By saying this, he declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God's eyes.)²⁰ And then he added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you."²¹ For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder,²² adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness.²³ All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."

1 Timothy 4:3-5 - *They will say it is wrong to be married and wrong to eat certain foods. But God created those foods to be eaten with thanks by faithful people who know the truth.* ⁴ *Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks.* ⁵ *For we know it is made acceptable by the word of God and prayer.*

Seek To Understand And Not Challenge What He Says

It's A Matter Of God's Leading And Our Obedience