

# Acts 10

## 1. A Sinner's Prayer: Cornelius

**An Often Misunderstood Subject: Does God Hear A Sinner's Prayer?**

- Some scriptures against God hearing:

[Isaiah 59:1-2](#)

[Isaiah 1:15](#)

[John 9:31](#)

- Some scriptures for God hearing:

[Acts 10:](#)

[Luke 18:9-14](#)

- The Truth Of The Matter

[Proverbs 1:28-29](#)

[2 Peter 3:9](#)

[Matthew 7:21-27](#)

[James 4:10](#)

[Jonah](#)

**This Does Not Reduce The Value Of, Nor Importance Of Obedience To, The Gospel**

- Had Cain submitted to God's will, things would have been much different for him
- Had King Saul submitted to God's will, things would have been much different for him
- Had Nadab & Abihu submitted to God's will, things would have been much different for them
- How about Lot's wife? Israel in the wilderness? or "The rich young ruler?"
- Had Annanias and Sapphira not been so arrogant, or Sarah with Hagar, or even King Ahab...
- What about the scribes and the Pharisees?
- What about King Herod, Pontius Pilate, Felix the governor, or King Agrippa?

**Cornelius Obeyed The Gospel Because He Was Submissive To God's Will.**

- [v. 8](#): when Cornelius had explained all to his servants, he sent them to get Peter
- [v. 24](#): Cornelius was waiting for Peter, AND had called together his relatives and close friends
- [v. 33](#): "Therefore, we are all present before GOD, to hear all the things commanded you by GOD"

## 2. A Saint's Prejudices: Peter

**Peter Had Problems**

- He did not want to eat unclean meat, but God had cleansed it
- He did not want to keep company with Gentiles, but God had cleansed them, too.
- His old ways would rear its ugly head again. [Galatians 2:11-14](#)

**Peter Submitted To God**

## 3. A Savior's Proclamation: The Gospel

**The POINT Of This Chapter Is Getting The Gospel Into All The World**

- Not about "the sinner's prayer" and not about "racial prejudices"
- It is about "the great commission!" [Matthew 28:18-20](#), [Acts 1:8](#) "in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- It is about the gospel being preached to all the world so that [Acts 10:43](#) "**whoever** believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

[Acts 10:44-48](#)

**It Must Have Been Some Doing For Peter To Say In**

[Acts 15:11](#)

But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we (Jews) shall be saved in the same manner as they. (Gentiles)"

- It's not a matter of "does baptism have anything to do with salvation?"
- It is a matter of "are we willing to surrender to the will of God and to recognize we cannot save ourselves?"