

“REMEMBER ME”

Acts 10

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INTRODUCTION

Man’s desperate need” To be Remembered by God

Compare the chilling words: “I never knew you.”

Examples:

- I Sam 1:11—Hannah
- Neh. 13:14—Nehemiah
- Ps. 25:7; 106:4—David
- Is. 38:3—Isaiah
- Jer. 15:15—Jeremiah

The idea of remembrance before God was constantly kept before Israel in the meal offering—offered with incense and the resulting sweet savor.

This reminds God the Father of the perpetual effectiveness of Christ’s Sacrifice.

Compare Phil. 4:18—The gift of the Philippians—“A fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God.” **So it is with our worship and service and gifts done through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ.**

Here in Acts 10:4 the Lord told Cornelius: “Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.”

- A man—a Gentile—is remembered by God.
- Compare the earlier **centurion** during Jesus’ earthly ministry—Matthew 8:5-13; he was a Gentile and Jesus responded favorably toward him and said: “Many will come from east and west and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness.”
- So it is now with Cornelius—this centurion.

God is no respecter of persons; He will receive you if you come to him in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. He will also receive your work if done in Jesus’ name.

- I. HIS IMPORTANCE
 - A. His Name
 - B. His Town
 - C. His Position: Centurion; Italian Cohort

II. HIS RELIGIOUS LIFE

A. Godly Qualities

1. “Devout” and “one who feared God with all his household” (v. 2; vv. 22, 35)
2. Humble—“What is it Lord?” (v. 4); V. 25—Obedience to Peter
3. In fellowship with God
 - He communed with God—“Prayed continually” (v. 2, v. 30)
 - The Lord communicated with him (v. 3—an angel of God; v. 22—“divinely directed by an holy angel”; v. 30)
 - His prayer has been heard . . . before God (v. 31)
4. Spiritually responsive: “We are all here present before God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

He and his family and friends were **eager to hear and respond!**

- ### B. Beloved by the People of God—the Jews: “Well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews” (v. 22)

C. Acts of Piety

1. Alms (v. 2, 31)
2. Righteous (v. 22; v. 35—“does what is right”)
3. Prompt obedience (vv. 7-8; 33)

III. HIS SOCIAL LIFE

- ### A. His Family Follows him (vv. 2, 24)
- ### B. His friends and associates follow him (7. 24, 27—“Many people”)

IV. HIS SALVATION

- ### A. Still needed to be saved—did not know about Jesus (11:14: “He will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.”)
- Religious practices and sincerity are not enough—a person needs Jesus.**
- ### B. While the sermon was still being preached the Holy Spirit fell upon those listening to the message (v. 44).
- God made clear that He saved these people.
 - God accepted them in Christ despite their background.

CONCLUSION

God remembered Cornelius; but He forgets to help and bless the unsaved wicked (Mt. 7: 21-23)
God does remember the sins of the unsaved: Neh. 13:29; Jer 14:10; Hos. 8:13; 9:9

God forgets our sins: Heb. 10:17; Is. 43:25; Jer. 31:34

BUT WE ARE FOUND IN THE BOOK OF GOD’S REMEMBRANCE (Mal. 3:16)

Does God remember YOU or YOUR SINS?