

# **"A Man Who Feared God"**

## **Acts 10:1-16, ESV**

**Introduction:** The following questions are slightly provocative in tone. In churches today, where are men who fear God? In pulpits across contemporary America, where are men who fear God? Luke writes that Cornelius was a "man who feared God." What does that even mean? What does a man who fears God look like? What are the characteristics of a man who fears God? What can we learn from Cornelius and his story arc?

**Is the Cornelius episode randomly included in Acts?** "The Cornelius episode, which occupies a central place in the plan of Acts, is of singular importance because it was the first instance of the admission of a Gentile into the church in total disregard of Old Testament legislation." - Curtis Vaughan

### **Cornelius Was a Man Who Feared God (v. 1-8).**

- 1). He was a **devout** man (v. 2).
- 2). He feared **God** (v. 2).
- 3). He was **generous** toward God with his **money** (v. 2).
- 4). He **prayed** continually (v. 2).
- 5). He **obeyed** God immediately (v. 7-8).

**Application:** God will work to bring you to Him. God will work to bring you to faith in Jesus Christ. Back to the original question: where are men who fear God? Peter's vision was not about food or animals; rather, it was about people. God is gathering the unclean and making them clean by Christ!