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Two Important Visions Pt. 2

Acts 10:1-16

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Cornelius Obeys

Acts 10:7-8 (NASB)
When the angel who was speaking to him had left, he summoned two of his servants and a devout soldier of those who were his personal attendants, and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

- This is the beginning of resolving a key problem: for the Jerusalem church to receive redeemed Gentiles into fellowship
- Many supernatural events will achieve this purpose

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God Will Prepare Peter for Visitors

Acts 10:9-10 (NASB)
On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance;

- Noon was not a normal time of prayer
- "Trance" is *ekstasis*

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Peter's Vision

Acts 10:11-13 (NASB)

and he saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!"

- This would be clean and unclean creatures
- Peter is given two imperatives and the first could be translated "slaughter" (as for sacrifice)

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God Tells Peter to "Stop"

Acts 10:14-16 (NASB)

But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean." Again a voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy." This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.

- There will be a lesser to greater application: if God can cleanse all food, how much more people!
- There is a negated imperative: lit. "stop making unclean"

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