

Acts of the Apostles

Lesson 9 Acts 10:1-11:18

In Chapters 10 and 11 we saw the Lord bring about fulfillment of His promise in John 10 to bring in the "other sheep" of His fold through Peter's evangelism to the Gentiles of Cornelius' house. In both Peter's submission to the revealed will of God, and Cornelius faithful obedience to the gospel of Jesus preached by Peter, we see the models of faith and submission that must define our lives in Jesus. We also saw in the joy of the Jewish saints at the salvation of the Gentiles, the importance of not losing our fervor and joy in the Lord. We will see in this week's study how the Lord continued to minister to His church in order that the saints might preach the saving gospel of Jesus.

Chapter 11: 19-29 The Saints Preach the Gospel in Antioch

Question 1: Why were these saints from Cyprus and Cyrene able to convert the Greeks? v. 20-21.

Question 2: What spirit/attitude did they show toward the gospel? Toward the Greeks?

Question 3: How did the Jerusalem church respond to the news about the Greeks? What attitude prevailed in that church toward the Lord and His gospel?

Question 4: What example does Barnabas provide for us in his attitude toward the Lord? In his attitude toward brethren?

Question 5: What example do the saints in Antioch provide us of an attitude toward the Lord and toward brethren?

Chapter 12: 1-19 Herod's Persecution of the Church and the Lord's Rescue of Peter

Question 6: What motivated Herod's persecution of the church and apostles? v. 3.

Question 7: How did the church respond to this persecution? vv. 5, 12.

Question 8: What does this event with Peter show about God's concern for His people? Psalm 34:7; Dan 3:37-28.

Question 9: How should we view the question of God's intervention on behalf of his people? Dan 3:17-18; Rom 8:38-39; 2 Cor 1:8-11; Job 2:10; Rev 2:10

Question 10: What challenge do God's actions sometimes present to us as His people? v. 15.

Question 11: For what purpose did Peter use his rescue by the angel? v. 17.

Chapter 12: 20-25 The Death of Herod

Question 12: Why did the people of Tyre and Sidon flatter Herod as they did? v. 20. How does this event with Herod illustrate David's instruction in Psalm 146:1-4 to "put not your trust in princes"?

Question 13: How did the gospel fare despite Herod's persecution of the Apostles? See Isaiah 40:8, 45:22-23, 55:10-13. What is our part to ensure that the Lord's gospel thrives despite persecution/resistance?