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# ACTS OF BELIEVERS

## Part 7: Prayer - The Point of Contact

## The Study

"Your prayers and your acts-of-almsgiving went up for a memorial before God" **ACTS 10:4** Disciples' Literal New Testament (DLNT)

The history of the church indicates that one of the areatest aifts given to the church is the power of prayer. In Acts 10, both one searching for the blessings of God (Cornelius) and the one empowered by His mercy (Peter - through Christ Jesus) are praying. The result is powerful and life changing for many in these two prayers. Prayer promotes, prompts and precedes the great blessings of God.

### PRAYER PROMOTES

- 1. Cornelius is described as a gentile who was a \_\_\_\_\_, whose family and he were \_\_\_\_\_, who regularly \_\_\_\_\_ , and was a man. (Acts 10:2)
- 2. Look up **Leviticus 2:2, 9**. The Grain offering was to be burned as a memorial that was pleasing to the Lord. The literal Greek translation for Acts 10:4 indicates an aroma that is pleasing to the Lord ("memorial"). What makes God pleased with this Gentile?
- 3. What was the only thing missing in this devout man of God's spiritual life (Acts 10:42-43)?

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- 4. What was needed in Peter's ministry for him to be part of the spread of the Gospel message to the "uttermost parts of the world" (Acts 10:9-16)?
- 5. How did the Lord demonstrate this message to him?

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- 6. How would you translate this lesson in our contemporary ministry to the world?
- 7. What was Peter's experience that he would never have had if tradition would have determined his actions (10:44-48)?
- 8. How did Peter explain the Holy Spirit's movement upon the Gentiles to the Jewish believers in Jerusalem (Acts 11:15-18)? What was their response?