

<sup>10.1</sup> There was a man in Caesarea named Cornelius, a hundred-leader from the company of soldiers called Italian. <sup>2</sup> He was reverent and, with everyone in his house, was Creator-fearing—giving many gifts-of-compassion to the people and begging to the Creator through everything. <sup>3</sup> He saw in a clear vision, at about three in the afternoon, a messenger of the Creator coming to him and saying,

“Cornelius.”

<sup>4</sup> Gazing at him and becoming afraid, Cornelius said,

“What is it, Lord?”

He said to him,

“Your prayers and your gifts-of-compassion went up into the Creator’s memory. <sup>5</sup> Now send men into Joppa and summon Simon, the one who is called Peter. <sup>6</sup> He is staying as a guest of Simon, a leather-maker, whose house is by the sea.”

<sup>7</sup> When the messenger, who had spoken to him, went out, he voiced for two housemates and a reverent soldier, from among those who were steadfast to him. <sup>8</sup> Explaining everything to them, he sent them into Joppa.

<sup>9</sup> On the next day, while they were going on the way and were within grasp of the city, Peter went up upon the roof at about noon to pray. <sup>10</sup> Peter became hungry and wanted to partake, but, while they were getting it ready, he became beside himself. <sup>11</sup> He saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet coming down, being let down to the earth by its four edges. <sup>12</sup> All the four-footed-animals and reptiles of the earth and the birds of heaven were possessed within it. <sup>13</sup> A voice came to him,

“Stand up, Peter! Sacrifice and eat.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter said,

“No chance, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or impure!”

<sup>15</sup> A voice came again for the second time to him,

“The things the Creator made pure, you must not make common.”

<sup>16</sup> This came a third time and, immediately, the object was taken up into heaven. <sup>17</sup> As Peter was being thoroughly confused within himself about what the vision he saw could mean, the men which had been sent by Cornelius, stood at the gate asking throughout the house for Simon. <sup>18</sup> They were inquiring if Simon, who was being called Peter, was staying as a guest there. <sup>19</sup> While Peter was being impassioned about the vision, the Breath said to him,

“Look! Three men are seeking you. <sup>20</sup> Stand up, head down, and go with them, while not judging, because I sent them.”

<sup>21</sup> Going down to the men, Peter said,

“Look! I am the one you are seeking. Why are you here?”

<sup>22</sup> They said,

“Cornelius, the hundred-leader, testified by the whole nation of the Judeans to be a justly-living and Creator-fearing man, was informed by a divine messenger to summon you to his house and to listen to a word from you.”

<sup>23</sup> Then, calling them in, Peter welcomed them as his guests. On the next day, after standing up, he went out with them and some of the brothers from Joppa went with him. <sup>24</sup> On the next day, Peter went into Caesarea and Cornelius was expecting them, calling together his relatives and essential friends. <sup>25</sup> When Peter entered to meet him, Cornelius, falling at his feet, bowed down. <sup>26</sup> Peter raised him, saying,

“I myself am human!”

<sup>27</sup> Talking with him, Peter entered and found many gathered. <sup>28</sup> Peter enlightened them,

“You are aware that it is out of place for a Judean man to join or come to another tribe, and yet the Creator showed me that a person should say nothing is common or impure. <sup>29</sup> Therefore, I came without contradiction when you summoned me. But now I am inquiring, what word caused you to summon me?”

<sup>30</sup> Cornelius enlightened,

“Four days ago at this hour, three in the afternoon, I had been praying in my house and, look, a man stood in my sight in bright apparel <sup>31</sup> and he enlightened,

‘Your prayers have been listened to and your gifts-of-compassion have been remembered in the sight of the Creator. <sup>32</sup> Therefore, send for and call Simon, who is called Peter. He is staying in Joppa as a guest in the house of Simon, the leather-maker, near the sea.’

<sup>33</sup> Therefore, I instantly sent for you and you did beautifully in coming forth. Now then, we are all here in the sight of the Creator to listen to everything that has been prescribed to you by the Lord.”

<sup>34</sup> Opening his mouth, Peter said,

“I am taking in the truth that the Creator does not take things at face value. <sup>35</sup> But, in every nation, the one, who is fearing him and is acting with justice, is received hospitably by him.

<sup>36</sup> The Creator sent his word to the children of Israel, declaring the Gospel of harmony through Jesus, the Anointed—this one is Lord over all! <sup>37</sup> You have seen what happened throughout all the province of Iudaea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John proclaimed. <sup>38</sup> The Creator anointed Jesus from Nazareth with the Divine Breath and power. He went around doing good works and healing all those who were being overpowered by the Adversary because the Creator was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are testimonies of all the things which he did in the land of the Judeans and in Jerusalem. But then they executed Jesus, hanging him on a piece of wood. <sup>40</sup> The Creator raised him on the third day and gave him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people, but to testimonies who had been hand-picked by the Creator—to us, who ate and drank with him after he stood up from among the dead. <sup>42</sup> He directed us to proclaim and to be a thorough testimony to the people that Jesus is the one determined by the Creator to judge the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To this all the prophets are testimonies—all who trust Jesus will be free from rebellions through his name!”

<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking these things, the Divine Breath fell upon all those listening to the word. <sup>45</sup> Those who were trusting and circumcised, as many as had come together with Peter, were beside themselves that the gift of the Divine Breath had been poured out upon the nations, <sup>46</sup> for they were listening to them speaking in tongues and making the Creator’s name great. Then Peter said,

<sup>47</sup> “Who is able to prevent water? Who will not baptize these, who have received the Divine Breath as we have?”

<sup>48</sup> Peter prescribed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus, the Anointed. Then they requested him to remain some days. <sup>11.1</sup> The representatives and brothers who were throughout the province of Iudaea heard that the nations had also received the word of the Creator. <sup>2</sup> When Peter went up into Jerusalem, those from among the circumcised began judging him, <sup>3</sup> saying,

“You went in and ate with men who have foreskin!”

<sup>4</sup> Peter began putting it out for them in an arranged manner, saying,

<sup>5</sup> “While I was in the city of Joppa, praying and being beside myself, I saw a vision of an object, like a great sheet, being let down by its four edges from heaven. It came up to me <sup>6</sup> and, gazing at it, I began observing it. I saw the four-footed animals, wild animals, and reptiles of the earth and the birds of heaven. <sup>7</sup> I listened and a voice was saying to me,

‘Stand up, Peter! Sacrifice and eat!’

<sup>8</sup> I said,

‘No chance, Lord! Nothing common or impure has ever gone into my mouth!’

<sup>9</sup> The second time, a voice from heaven answered,

‘The things the Creator made pure you must not make common!’

<sup>10</sup> This happened a third time and then everything was pulled up into heaven again. <sup>11</sup> Then look! Three men, having been sent from Caesarea to me, instantly stood over the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Breath told me to come together with them without judging. These six brothers also came with me and entered into the house of the men. <sup>13</sup> Cornelius reported to us how he saw a messenger standing in his house and saying,

‘Send to Joppa and summon Simon, the one who is being called Peter. <sup>14</sup> He will speak a word to you, by which you and all of your house will be rescued.’

<sup>15</sup> When I began to speak, the Divine Breath fell upon them as it had upon us in the beginning. <sup>16</sup> I remembered the word of the Lord as he used to say,

‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Divine Breath.’

<sup>17</sup> If, after trusting the Anointed Lord Jesus, the Creator gave them the equal gift that he also gave to us, then what power do I have to prevent the Creator?”

<sup>18</sup> Listening to these things, they did nothing and declared the triumph of the Creator, saying,  
“So then, the Creator has also given transformation of life to the nations!”