

# Acts 10:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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## Historical Context

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Centurions commanded 80-100 soldiers in Roman legion. Several biblical centurions display remarkable faith (Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 23:47). Cornelius's reputation among Jews despite being Gentile Roman officer showed exceptional character. God-fearers like Cornelius attended synagogue, practiced Jewish ethics, but hadn't fully converted. Around 40 CE, God orchestrated this meeting to revolutionize early Christianity's ethnic boundaries.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does God prepare both parties (Peter and Cornelius) for significant encounters?
2. What role does reputation and character play in spiritual receptivity?
3. In what ways do God-fearers represent bridging category between Judaism and Christianity?
4. How should believers recognize divine orchestration in unexpected meetings?
5. What does angelic involvement emphasize about this encounter's significance?

## Interlinear Text

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οἱ	δὲ	εἶπον,	Κορνήλιος	ἐκατοντάρχης	άνηρ	δίκαιος
G3588	<b>And</b>	<b>they said</b>	<b>Cornelius</b>	<b>the centurion</b>	<b>man</b>	<b>a just</b>
	G1161	G2036	G2883	G1543	G435	G1342
καὶ	φοβούμενος	τὸν	θεὸν	μαρτυρούμενός	τε	ὑπὸ ὅλου
<b>and</b>	<b>one that feareth</b>	G3588	<b>God</b>	<b>of good report</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>among</b>
G2532	G5399		G2316	G3140	G5037	G5259
τοῦ	ἔθνους	τῶν	Ἰουδαίων	ἐχρηματίσθη	ὑπὸ	ἀγγέλου
G3588	<b>the nation</b>	G3588	<b>of the Jews</b>	<b>was warned from God</b>	<b>among</b>	<b>angel</b>
	G1484		G2453	G5537	G5259	G32
ἀγίου	μεταπέμψασθαί	σε	εἰς	τὸν	οἶκον	αὐτοῦ καὶ
<b>an holy</b>	<b>to send</b>	<b>for thee</b>	<b>into</b>	G3588	<b>house</b>	G846
G40	G3343	G4571	G1519		G3624	G2532
ἀκοῦσαι	ρήματα	παρὰ	σοῦ			
<b>to hear</b>	<b>words</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>thee</b>			
G191	G4487	G3844	G4675			

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 11:14** (Word): Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

**Acts 10:2** (References God): A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

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