

# 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 ἀνὴρ δίκαιος  
G3588 And they said Cornelius the centurion man a just  
G1161 G2036 G2883 G1543 G435 G1342

καὶ φοβούμενος τὸν θεὸν μαρτυρούμενός τε ὑπὸ ὅλου  
and one that feareth G3588 God of good report and among all  
G2532 G5399 G2316 G3140 G5037 G5259 G3650

τοῦ ἔθνους τῶν Ἰουδαίων ἐχρηματίσθη ὑπὸ ἀγγέλου  
the nation G3588 of the Jews was warned from God among angel  
G1484 G3588 G2453 G5537 G5259 G32

ἀγίου μεταπέμψασθαί σε εἰς τὸν οἶκον αὐτοῦ καὶ  
an holy to send for thee into house G846 and  
G40 G3343 G4571 G1519 G3624 G2532

ἀκοῦσαι ῥήματα παρὰ σοῦ  
to hear words of thee  
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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