

Acts 10:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

Analysis

The angel appearing at 'the ninth hour' (3 PM) during prayer indicates God responds to seeking hearts. 'Cornelius' - the angel called him by name, showing personal divine knowledge. God's particular attention to this Gentile signaled the coming expansion of salvation's scope.

Historical Context

The ninth hour was the time of evening sacrifice and prayer. Cornelius's regular prayer habits positioned him for divine visitation.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God's response to Cornelius's prayers encourage persistent seeking?
2. What does being called by name reveal about God's personal knowledge of individuals?

Interlinear Text

εἶδεν	ἐν	ὁράματι	φανερῶς	ὥσει	ῥαν	ἐννάτην	τῆς
He saw	in	a vision	evidently	about	hour	the ninth	G3588
G1492	G1722	G3705	G5320	G5616	G5610	G1766	
ἡμέρας	ἄγγελον	τοῦ	θεοῦ	εἰσελθόντα	πρὸς	αὐτῷ	καὶ
of the day	an angel	G3588	of God	coming in	to	him	and
G2250	G32		G2316	G1525	G4314	G846	G2532
εἰπόντα	αὐτῷ	Κορνήλιε					
saying	him	Cornelius					
G2036	G846	G2883					

Additional Cross-References

Acts 3:1 (Parallel theme): Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

Acts 5:19 (Parallel theme): But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,