

# 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

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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

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εἰπόντα αὐτῷ Κορνήλιε  
saying him Cornelius  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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,