

Acts 10:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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Historical Context

Immediately reflects obedient responsiveness to divine direction. Thou hast well done acknowledges Peter's faithful compliance. We all here present before God indicates solemn awareness of divine presence and authority. This wasn't casual religious curiosity but serious spiritual seeking. The assembled company in Caesarea around 40 CE represented ideal evangelistic context—prepared hearts, expectant faith, gathered community, recognized authority—creating optimal conditions for Spirit's converting work.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does immediate obedience to divine direction demonstrate genuine faith?
2. What role does corporate gathering play in receiving gospel proclamation?
3. In what ways does consciousness of God's presence affect receptivity to His word?
4. How should audiences approach gospel teaching—casually or solemnly?
5. What does this passage teach about ideal conditions for effective evangelism?

Interlinear Text

ἐξαυτῆς οὖν ἐπεμψα πρὸς σέ σύ τε καλῶς
Immediately therefore I sent to thee thou and hast well
G1824 G3767 G3992 G4314 G4571 G4771 G5037 G2573

ἐποίησας παραγενόμενος νῦν οὖν πάντα ἡμεῖς
done that thou art come Now therefore all we
G4160 G3854 G3568 G3767 G3956 G2249

ἐνώπιον τοῦ Θεοῦ πάρεσμεν ἀκοῦσαι πάντα τὰ
before God are to hear all
G1799 G2316 G3918 G191 G3956 G3588

προστεταγμένα σοι ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ
that are commanded thee of God
G4367 G4671 G5259 G2316

Additional Cross-References

James 1:19 (Parallel theme): Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

Galatians 4:14 (References God): And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus.

Acts 28:28 (References God): Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

Proverbs 1:5 (Parallel theme): A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

Proverbs 25:12 (Parallel theme): As an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold, so is a wise reprover upon an obedient ear.

Mark 10:15 (References God): Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

1 Corinthians 3:18 (Parallel theme): Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

Matthew 18:4 (Parallel theme): Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

James 1:21 (Parallel theme): Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

2 Chronicles 30:12 (References God): Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.