

Acts 11:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

Analysis

And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; Cornelius's testimony to angelic visitation provides independent corroboration, establishing that both parties received divine direction simultaneously.

Historical Context

Cornelius's account matched Peter's experience—both received supernatural revelation directing them toward meeting. Angel in his house parallels Peter's rooftop vision. This dual divine intervention around 40 CE demonstrated God's initiative from both sides—preparing Peter through vision while directing Cornelius through angel. Such extraordinary confirmation emphasized Gentile inclusion's theological significance.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How do multiple independent revelations confirm God's direction?
2. What role does corroborating testimony play in validating controversial actions?
3. In what ways does God prepare both parties for significant encounters?
4. Why does dual divine intervention emphasize event's importance?
5. What does simultaneous preparation teach about God's comprehensive sovereignty?

Interlinear Text

ἀπήγγειλεν τε ἡμῖν πῶς εἴδεν τὸν ἄγγελον ἐν τῷ
he shewed And us how he had seen G3588 an angel in G3588
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οἴκῳ αὐτῷ, σταθέντα καὶ εἰπόντα αὐτῷ, Ἀπόστειλον
house his which stood and said his Send
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εἰς Ἰόππην ἄνδρας, καὶ μετάπεμψαι Σίμωνα τὸν
to Joppa men and call for Simon G3588
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ἐπικαλούμενον Πέτρον
whose surname is Peter
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