

Acts 11:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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The angel's prophecy identifies Peter as messenger of salvation, emphasizing gospel proclamation as God's ordained means while extending promise to entire household.

Historical Context

Words whereby...saved identifies gospel proclamation as salvation's means. God used angel to direct but human messenger to save—establishing pattern that means of grace work through human proclamation. All thy house indicates household salvation pattern common in Acts (Acts 16:31, 18:8). Around 40 CE, this expanded covenant household concept beyond ethnic Israel to Gentile families receiving gospel collectively.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. Why does God use human messengers rather than angels for gospel proclamation?
2. What does household salvation reveal about covenant community structure?
3. How do words function as means of saving grace?
4. In what ways does this establish human proclamation's indispensable role?
5. What relationship exists between hearing words and experiencing salvation?

Interlinear Text

οἷς	λαλήσει	ῥήματα	πρὸς	σὲ	ἐν	οἷς	σωθήσῃ	σὺ
Who	shall tell	words	thee	G4571	whereby	Who	shall be saved	thou
G3739	G2980	G4487	G4314		G1722	G3739	G4982	G4771
καὶ	πᾶς	ὁ	οἶκός	σου				
and	all	G3588	house	thy				
G2532	G3956		G3624	G4675				

Additional Cross-References

Acts 10:22 (Word): And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Acts 16:15 (Parallel theme): And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Acts 10:2 (Parallel theme): A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

Acts 10:6 (Parallel theme): He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

Acts 2:39 (Parallel theme): For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

John 20:31 (Parallel theme): But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Genesis 17:7 (Parallel theme): And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Psalms 103:17 (Parallel theme): But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

Psalms 112:2 (Parallel theme): His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Proverbs 20:7 (Parallel theme): The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

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