

Acts 11:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.

Analysis

And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. The divine command directly contradicted lifelong training and conscience, requiring radical trust in God's authority over established religious practice.

Historical Context

Arise, slay and eat commanded action violating Torah's dietary laws Peter had observed from childhood. The imperative form indicates divine authority. Reformed theology recognizes this as progressive revelation—God can alter ceremonial laws while maintaining moral law. Around 40 CE, this command initiated Christianity's break from ceremonial Judaism while retaining ethical monotheism.

Related Passages

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How do divine commands sometimes contradict established religious practice?
2. What distinguishes ceremonial laws (changeable) from moral laws (permanent)?

3. In what ways does progressive revelation challenge existing understanding?
4. How should believers respond when God's direction violates lifelong training?
5. What role does trust in divine authority play when commands seem wrong?

Interlinear Text

ἠκουσα δὲ φωνῆς λεγούσης μοι Αναστάς Πέτρε

I heard And a voice saying unto me Arise Peter

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