WHEN GOD REMEMBERS US

SCRIPTURE: ACTS 10:4

INTRODUCTION

HERE IS A MAN, CORNELIUS THE CENTURION, WHOSE LIFE IS CHARACTERIZED BY FAITHFULNESS AND PIETY. HE SIMPLY SERVED GOD TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. HIS SERVING GOD WAS NOT FOR NAUGHT} FOR THE DAY CAME WHEN GOD REMEMBERED HIM} AND SENT A SPECIAL BLESSING TO HIM.

I. WHAT GOD REMEMBERED ABOUT HIM

ACTS 10:2 NIV HE AND ALL HIS FAMILY WERE DEVOUT AND GOD-FEARING; HE GAVE GENEROUSLY TO THOSE IN NEED AND PRAYED TO GOD REGULARLY.

A. HIS PRAYERS
B. HIS GIVING
C. HIS DEVOTION
D. HIS LEADERSHIP OF HIS FAMILY

II. WHAT GOD SPOKE TO HIM

ACTS 10:34, 43 NIV THEN PETER BEGAN TO SPEAK: "I NOW REALIZE HOW TRUE IT IS THAT GOD DOES NOT SHOW FAVORITISM BUT ACCEPTS MEN FROM EVERY NATION WHO FEAR HIM AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT. ALL THE PROPHETS TESTIFY ABOUT HIM THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVE IN HIM RECEIVES FORGIVENESS OF SINS THROUGH HIS NAME."

A. GOD DOES NOT SHOW FAVORITISM
B. JESUS CHRIST IS SAVIOR OF THE WORLD
C. EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM RECEIVES FORGIVENESS OF SINS

III. WHAT GOD GAVE TO HIM

ACTS 10:44-46 NIV WHILE PETER WAS STILL SPEAKING THESE WORDS, THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME ON ALL WHO HEARD THE MESSAGE. THE CIRCUM-CISED BELIEVERS WHO HAD COME WITH PETER WERE ASTONISHED THAT THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD BEEN POURED OUT EVEN ON THE GENTILES. FOR THEY HEARD THEM SPEAKING IN TONGUES AND PRAISING GOD.

A. A NEW WALK WITH GOD
B. THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
C. SALVATION OF HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS