

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What was the purpose for apostolic miracles?
2. What should be our attitude in praying for physical healing?
3. Is faith required by both persons to be healed when one intercedes for the other? Why or why not?
4. Why are believers unable to raise people from the dead today?

SUMMARY:

Answered prayer is an effective ministry to unbelievers. God was glorified by the faith of Peter in that “many believed in the Lord.” We must likewise consider first that God be glorified when we ask for physical healing. God will answer such a prayer and the miraculous results will cause lost souls to trust God for their salvation.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #4

January 26, 2003

First Quarter

TWO MIGHTY MIRACLES

LESSON TEXT: *Acts 9:32-43*

LESSON SETTING: In the village of Lydda which lies between Jerusalem and Joppa on the Sea.

TIME: Approximately 37-40 AD

- I. AENEAS' HEALING.** Acts 9:32-35
 - A. Peter's faith. Acts 9:34
 - B. Work of Christ. Matthew 9:2-8; 10:1-8; Acts 1:8
 - C. God glorified. Acts 9:35
- II. DORCAS' DELIVERANCE.** Acts 9:36-43
 - A. Peter's faith. Acts 9:40
 - B. Work of Christ. John 11:43-45
 - C. God Glorified. Acts 9:42
- III. PETER'S EFFECTIVE MINISTRY.** Acts 9:35-43
 - A. Commissioned. Matthew 16:18-19
 - B. To Jews. Acts 2:41
 - C. To Samaritans. Acts 8:14-17
 - D. To Gentiles. Acts 10:44-45

GOLDEN TEXT: *IF YE SHALL ASK ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT.*

John 14:14

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Acts 10:1-48

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Joel 2:25-29; Mark 16:14-20;
Romans 1:8-17

QUARTERLY THEME: The First Church Officers

TOPIC: PETER PREACHES TO THE GENTILES

INTRODUCTION:

The time had come for the Gospel to be delivered to the Gentiles according to the promise given already to Abraham. Until now the church was strictly Jewish with a natural prejudice against the Gentiles. Strong feelings about the law of Moses and circumcision were still prevalent. God intervened and convinced Peter that he was to use the "keys" given to him to open the door of the Kingdom to the Gentiles just as it was to the Jews at Pentecost and to the Samaritans.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The church has an obligation to take the gospel to men of every class, race, and nation.

GOLDEN TEXT: *OF A TRUTH I PERCEIVE THAT GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS.*

Acts 10:34

Peter opens his first sermon to the Gentiles with the above acknowledgment. With such a changed attitude, God was able to use Peter to build the church and enlarge its outreach into the world.

We too must acknowledge this if God is to be able to use us. We are inclined to keep our "pearl" for a select few, perhaps our children or our relatives. It is good if we have this kind of concern for those who are dear to us but we must also have this same concern for our neighbor, the man or woman down the street, or for our fellow workers. If our attitude is right, the Lord will be able to send us into the "deserts" as He did Philip.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 27-Feb. 2

M. Gentiles Conversion Foretold. Isaiah 60:1-9

T. *Cornelius' Vision. Acts 10:1-8

W. *Peter's Vision. Acts 10:9-16

T. *Peter's Journey. Acts 10:17-25

F. *Peter's Welcome. Acts 10:26-33

S. *Peter's Sermon. Acts 10:34-48

S. Peter's Report. Acts 11:1-18