

**THE CLEAR VOICE OF GOD****Acts 10:30-31; 34-43 NLT****MONDAY 1/09/2023**

Psalm 29:1-11 // 29:1 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. 29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor.

Acts 10:30-31; 34-43 (30-31) // 30 Cornelius replied, "Four days ago I was praying in my house about this same time, three o'clock in the afternoon. Suddenly, a man in dazzling clothes was standing in front of me. 31 He told me, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God!

**REFLECTION**

1. The Book of Acts tells us how the Gospel of Jesus Christ began to spread throughout the world.
2. In Acts 10: 30-31 we read a story of Cornelius, a Roman commander and Gentile (*Gentile: anyone non-Jewish*).
3. He was a God-fearing man who was always praying and full of good works and deeds. He was most likely being taught by new Christians.
4. One day, while Cornelius fasting and praying, he received a vision from an angel of God telling him that his prayers have been heard.
5. What makes this story so profound is that God uses a Roman centurion to expose and expand the message of Jesus Christ to every person, in every country around the world.
6. While Cornelius was praying an angel appears with clothes glowing bright.
7. I think of when Christ's, bright and glowing garment was on display when He was with His three disciples on the mountain top. (Matthew 17:1-3:Transfiguration)
8. The angel delivered the message to Cornelius to travel to Joppa to meet a man named Peter. On the same day and at the same time, Peter was also praying when he had a vision.
9. Peter's vision is described in Acts 10:15. "But the voice spoke again: "Do not call something unclean if God has made it clean." 16 The same vision was repeated three times. Then the sheet was suddenly pulled up to heaven."
10. When these two men meet, the world would never be the same.

**PRAYER I sing to You O Lord Jesus a new song, for You have done marvelous things. Praise You, who sits at the right hand our Father God in heaven IJNA**

**TUESDAY 1/10/2023**

Psalm 29:1-11 // 29:3 The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. 29:4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

Acts 10:30-31; 34-43 (34-36) // 34 Then Peter replied, "I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. 35 In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. 36 This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

**REFLECTION**

1. Before Jesus's birth, the Jews were the only beloved people of God. They were a solitary nation chosen by God.
2. But now we learn that the Gentiles are being exposed to the glory of God through His Son Jesus.
3. 2,000 years ago, no one in the Jewish community would think of God's grace coming upon the heathen.
4. The truth is that God made choices. He first chose the Jew, then He chose his Son, and He selected His disciples. Then God chose the pagans to be transformed.
5. God adopted Abraham instead of making He covenant with elite Egyptians. We do not understand why, but I am thankful He used the weak of the world to overcome the mighty of the world.
6. God singled out Cornelius, a righteous man for his part part in God's glorious plan of restitution and life renewal.

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7. We all depend on the hidden counsel of God. God, in His astonishing wisdom and wonderful counseling never tires of a person who humbly comes to Him. Any person who desires to honor and worship our God is welcome.

8. The birth of Jesus Christ begins the process of pulling down the walls of segregation and separation. Jesus opens our hearts and minds to love God.

9. He imputes His righteousness to us so we may love one another. Ephesians 2:14, "For Christ Himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in His own body on the cross, He broke down the wall of hostility that separated us."

**PRAYER Your voice O LORD is over the waters and everywhere. Your glory is like the sound of thunder and Your mighty like gushing waters. Your voice O LORD is powerful and will be heard. IJNA**



## WEDNESDAY 1/11/2023

Psalm 29:1-11 // 29:5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. 29:6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

Acts 10:30-31; 34-43 (37-38) // 37 You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. 38 And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

### REFLECTION

1. God anointed Jesus Christ to heal the broken relationship we each have with God.
2. Once we have been restored by God's grace, we have the capacity to live out of this grace in our lives everyday.
3. For the power in Christ proceeds from the Spirit alone. Therefore, when our heavenly Father anointed his Son, He furnished Him with the power of His Spirit.
4. Peter is now preaching this power that was displayed in the miracles that Jesus performed throughout the land.
5. He testifies that Christ, who was endowed with this power of the Holy Spirit, opens up a whole new world for people to explore.
6. In these miracles of Jesus we see the fearful and reverent power of God.
7. They draw people's attention to the sweet taste of goodness and grace of God offers us.
8. Jesus's love for the people is expressed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
9. After three years of Jesus walking about Judea, performing miracle after miracle, there was no corner was without His good deeds.

**PRAYER Lord Jesus, when You speak to me through the hearing of Your Word, help me to hear Your voice. Help me to be filled with joy and skip like Lebanon calves. IJNA**

## THURSDAY 1/12/2023

Psalm 29:1-11 // 29:7 The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. 29:8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

Acts 10:30-31; 34-43 (39-40) // 39 "And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging Him on a cross,[c] 40 but God raised Him to life on the third day.

### REFLECTION

- 1 Peter begins to preach the message of Jesus life, death and resurrection is for all people.
2. He teaches, he and his fellow disciples were witnesses, appointed by God, to tell the world about Jesus Christ.
3. They are just beginning to preaching the good news of faith in the resurrection of Christ.
4. God is using these new disciple to embrace the whole world with the life of Christ.
5. For so long Abraham's seed was the only way of inheriting God's kingdom. The Gentiles seemed to have had been banished from it.
6. Now, with the arrival of Christ, God reveals a new light of salvation for the world. We who accept Christ as our Lord gain eternal life.

**PRAYER Your voice O LORD continues to flash like a flames of a fire in all the world. Your words have shaken my heart and I praise you for making yourself known to me. IJNA.**

## FRIDAY 1/13/2023

Psalm 29:1-11 //29:9 The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"  
Acts 10:30-31; 34-43 (40-41)// Then God allowed him to appear, 41 not to the general public,[d] but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

### REFLECTION

1. One of the sacred activities of the ancient Jews was celebrating the Passover meal with others.
2. This Passover meal celebrated the miraculous protection of God's people from death.
3. This major Jewish holiday reminds the Jewish people of God's action that helped them escape from slavery in Egypt.
4. Now Peter and the disciples are reminding the people. that they ate and drank with Him after Jesus rose from the grave.
5. Again and again Peter stresses the certainty of the resurrection of his beloved Lord.
6. Many others were coming forward affirming that their testimonies were true.
7. At times we need our eyes opened to see that there are wicked enemies of Christ who will never yield to God's love.
8. They will continue to be unworthy God's love as long as the refuse the glow of Jesus bodily resurrection.
9. These holy apostles were chosen by a holy decree of God.
10. The truth of Christ's resurrection will stand forever.
11. Let us praise God today for being the sure author of our faith.

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## SATURDAY 1/14/2023

Psalm 29:1-11 29:10 The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. 29:11 May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Acts 10:30-31;34-43 (42-43) 42 And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. 43 He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name."

### REFLECTION

1. Let us be reminded today that the kingdom of Christ has come into the world to seek justice by judging the world based on God's providences.
2. Christ will rise again one day for final judgment.
3. He will come to judge the living and the dead.
4. Christ established the Church to be His authority upon the earth.
5. The Church offers every human being, everyday, an opportunity for the forgiveness of sin.
6. Through Christ, a new life has been granted and it is filled with God's grace and love.
7. 1 Corinthians 15:50-52 says, "What I am saying, dear brothers and sisters, is that our physical bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. These dying bodies cannot inherit what will last forever. But let me reveal to you a wonderful secret. We will not all die, but we will all be transformed! It will happen in a moment, in the blink of an eye, when the last trumpet is blown. For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed."
8. The whole purpose of Christ is to reconcile humankind to God.
9. All the prophets of God since the beginning of the world have proclaimed this message.

**PRAYER Lord Jesus you sit at the right hand of God the Father waiting for the day of judgement. I praise you holy name for redeeming me by you sacrifice. I pray you continue to give me hope, faith and love until the day of my eternal peace!**

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