

BEFORE GOD

ACTS 10:21-35

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Peter is setting the stage for one of the most awesome events for mankind.

MAN IS JUST A MAN. Peter knew that all men are equal. There are no celebrities. No man is divine. The apostle's role was to point people to Jesus, our Savior, not to himself. (Acts 10:26, fn 10:26, Acts 14:11-15, Revelation 19:9, 10, fn 19:10, II Corinthians 4:5, fn 4:5[1st]) *When sharing your faith, how does emphasizing the message (not the messenger) lessen the anxiety?*

MAN IS SHOWN "NO FAVORITISM." "What we must never forget is that God has shown favor to us precisely because He does not show favoritism. That is the only way you and I ever become Christians. If God had shown favoritism, we would not have been saved." James M. Boice, *Acts*, p.139 (Acts 10:34, fn 10:34, 35, Romans 2:9-11, Ephesians 6:9, fn 6:9, Ephesians 1:4-11, fn 1:4, Psalms 139:1-15, fn 139:13-15) *If God shows no favoritism, why are you special to Him?*

MAN IS ACCEPTED FROM ALL NATIONS. The promise is that if anyone fears God (reverence, worship, godly awe), God will accept him. (Acts 10:35, fn 10:35, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[2nd], John 6:28-40, fn 6:28, 29, Matthew 7:7, 8, fn 7:7, 8) *What did godly fear have to do with your salvation?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

