

God at Work in the Life of the Unsaved

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- ¹ At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort,
² a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God.
Acts 10:1-2 (ESV)

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 - ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.
 - ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. Romans 1:19-20 (ESV)

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- ¹⁴ For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.
 - ¹⁵ They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them
 - ¹⁶ on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus. Romans 2:14-16 (ESV)

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Honoring the revelation God has given of Himself to all the world brings greater and more specific revelation.

- ³ About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, “Cornelius.”
⁴ And he stared at him in terror and said, “What is it, Lord?” And he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God.
⁵ And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter.
⁶ He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea.” Acts 10:3-6 (ESV)

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God brings the unsaved to the point of realizing the urgency of knowing Him.

- ⁷ When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him,
⁸ and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa. Acts 10:7-8 (ESV)

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