

The Perfect Preparation of Praise for God

Acts 11:1-18

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INTRODUCTION:

How did God receive praise from the Jews when the gospel penetrated the Gentiles? Three steps.

I. God providentially presented a dilemma before the Jews, 11:1-3.

II. God previously prevailed over that dilemma for Peter, 11:4-17.

9 evidences that God prevailed over the dilemma:

- 1. *The apostle engaged in prayer, 11:5a.***
- 2. *The vision from heaven, 11:5b.***
- 3. *God's exclusion of Mosaic separation laws from the gospel mission, 11:6-9.***
- 4. *The divine repetition to match the number messengers, 11:10-11.***
- 5. *The Holy Spirit's command to unhesitatingly accompany Gentiles, 11:12a.***
- 6. *A sufficient number of Jewish witnesses, 11:12b.***

7. *The angel's command to Cornelius, 11:13.*

8. *The angel's promise concerning salvation, 11:14.*

9. *God's impartial and equal gifting of the Holy Spirit for the Gentiles, 11:15-17.*

III. God perfectly prepared praise for Himself from the Jews, 11:18.

What impact should Acts 10-11:18 have on us today as we read?