

Glad Tidings

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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All Present To Hear

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Cornelius commended Peter for traveling to Caesarea to meet him. Anticipating this moment, He says, “*Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all things that have been commanded thee of the Lord*” (Acts 10:33). God had created anticipation in Cornelius by sending an angel to inform Cornelius that his prayers and alms were seen, heard and remembered by God, (Acts 10:4-5, 31-32). He is warned to send to Joppa for Peter so Cornelius could “hear words” from Peter’s mouth (Acts 10:22). Sensing the importance for the occasion, Cornelius invited his kinsmen and near friends to share with him the words that Peter would speak. Now the moment had arrived for Cornelius to hear all that God commanded Peter to say unto him.

Today, we embark on a week of hearing God’s Word preached to us daily. We have sent for our brother, Adonis Bailey, who will work diligently to preach the Word (2 Timothy 4:1-2). Hopefully, our family and friends, whom we have invited, will be present to hear the needed instruction from the Lord.

We have the topics before us, but do not know exactly the

approach Adonis will take to drive home God’s instruction into our hearts. As Cornelius was anticipating the words Peter would speak, we too can anticipate what Adonis might say to us this week. Take the topics he has planned to speak on, and prepare your mind as to what might be said.

Will the thoughts of the rich man in Luke 16 be our focus for our Bible Study period? If so, what might be his thoughts as he fared sumptuously every day? Did he think his future would be any different? Did he ever think he would be still “thinking” and “feeling” after death?

Finding unity amidst our differences is definitely a needed lesson for our times. Is it even possible to find it? In what does God want us united? Does God’s plan for unity allow for individual differences in knowledge and spiritual growth?

Being a “peacemaker” is an essential quality in our lives if we are going to be truly called “*sons of God*” (Matthew 5:9). Adonis is prepared to speak to us about somebody named Jehoshaphat? How did this man manifest the character of a peacemaker? Is he

a good example to follow in making peace? Or, is he a negative example of a peacemaker?

When was the last time you thought about the “state of your salvation”? What does this mean? If salvation is more than being initially saved from my sins, what should my life look like if I am truly saved?

Are we able to do the right thing at all times? Does God expect me to do what is right regardless of the consequences that will arise? If so, how can I become stronger in doing right?

Prudence is a characteristic of wisdom. How did Abram manifest prudence in his life? Can prudence ever become an obstacle to faith?

We rejoice when God answers our prayers, and we receive the blessings for which we ask. But how should we react when God seems to say “No” to what we ask of Him?

There are many interesting speakers in the world, but why should we want to hear men preach the Word? We are present today to hear our brother Adonis guide us in the Word. We look forward to the daily preaching.