

and in this frame of mind Peter is prepared to receive this message. He looks at the animals and he immediately says, "Not so Lord: I've never eaten anything that was common or unclean!" Then God said, "What God has cleansed call thou not common." Very well it is not to eat that which is common and unclean but God can cleanse anything He wants to--God has cleansed them--the origin has been cleansed. This whole concept is quite a bit for Peter to grasp all at once--these prejudices were vital in the giving of the O.T. revelation and through which God's revelation would be given to the world--but now the time has come to send the revelation out. Now under these circumstances God shows that He had in mind the rest of the world. Peter is at a loss as to just what does this mean. As he ponders over the revelation which God has given, he hears that there are people down-stairs asking for him--and then we have a revelation in a different form. In v. 19 we read that the Spirit told him that three men sought him. Here we have a direct message from God and if he had received this direct message from God--now he sees that these are Gentiles--now he could have told them to get circumcised if they really were sincere about what they believed--why not study the law and carry out the regulations that many a Gentile had done before..Why do you come to me with this new knowledge about God..What God cleanses is cleansed --there is no reason that Peter should take any other stand. There are only two classes of people in the world--those whom God has cleansed and those whom He has not--There are those who belong to God and those who do not..All other factions and differences fall into insignificance in the light of this. Thus God has revealed these things to Peter not by some _____ . It is often hard to get certain truths across. I will have to explain a certain thing over and over. It takes a little longer for certain things to sink into the heads of some people than it does others--it takes time to get things and trying to explain something with just a few words ~~really~~ rarely gets the thoughts really over. There are some who say--O the people in this country have heard the Gospel many times. There are thousands of people that don't have the slightest conception of what the Gospel means--there are thousands that have heard a message over the radio and have not understood it--It simply doesn't mean anything to them because it takes time to assimilate it.