# Peter's Vision: Embracing God's New Covenant



Explore Peter's vision of unclean animals and discover God's message of inclusion and transformation over seven insightful days.





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#### Introduction

Welcome to this seven-day Bible study on Peter's vision of unclean animals, a pivotal moment recorded in Acts 10. This vision challenges long-held Jewish dietary laws and symbolizes the radical inclusion of Gentiles into God's people. It reveals God's expansive plan for salvation, breaking down barriers and inviting all humanity into a new covenant relationship with Him. *God's vision to Peter shows that what He has made clean, we must no longer call impure*, signaling a transformative shift in how His kingdom would grow and how believers would understand purity, acceptance, and fellowship.

Throughout these days, you will dive deeply into Peter's experience, the cultural and religious context of his vision, and the broader theological significance. You'll also explore themes of obedience, faith, and God's holiness beyond human traditions. As you reflect on the vision, consider how God calls you to open your heart and life to His fresh work in your faith journey.

Each day includes scripture readings, devotionals, thoughtful questions, journaling prompts, and prayers to help you internalize and apply the lessons from this encounter. Just as Peter received clarity and courage to welcome Gentiles, may you be encouraged to embrace God's purpose with renewed understanding and bold faith. Let's embark together on this transformative study, growing in grace, truth, and obedience to God's call.

















#### Your Verse

Acts 10:9-16 - 'Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Acts 10:28 'God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.'
- Isaiah 65:4 'Those who sit among the graves and spend the night in secret places, who eat the flesh of pigs.'







# Devotional: God's Vision Breaks Boundaries of Tradition

Peter's vision in Acts 10:9–16 opens the door to a new understanding of God's inclusive kingdom. Representing a radical shift for a Jewish believer, the vision challenges centuries of dietary laws by showing a sheet descending from heaven with all kinds of animals, including those considered unclean. The voice from heaven orders Peter to "kill and eat," but Peter hesitates because of his training and traditions.

This moment reflects the tension between longstanding religious customs and the new movement of the Holy Spirit. God is revealing that the old distinctions between clean and unclean are being overturned as He prepares Peter and the early church to welcome Gentiles into the faith family. *God's message is clear: His salvation extends to all, breaking down barriers of culture and law.* 

As you begin this study, ask yourself how God might be inviting you to reconsider any barriers you hold onto—whether in belief, relationships, or practice—and to embrace His broader vision of grace and unity.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What does Peter's hesitation reveal about human resistance to God's new directions?
	How does this vision challenge your understanding of purity or separation?
	In what areas might God be calling you to embrace inclusion where you've held exclusion?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when God challenged a long-held belief you had.
	List areas in your life where you might be 'calling unclean' what God says is clean.
3.	Reflect on how you can foster inclusivity in your faith community.







#### **Prayer for Today**

Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Your kingdom's vastness even when it challenges our traditions. Help me to be open like Peter, willing to receive Your new directions without hesitation. Teach me to see beyond cultural and personal barriers so I may embrace Your grace fully. Fill me with boldness to live out Your inclusive love and truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.









Day 2: A Hearing God's Voice









#### Your Verse

Acts 10:19–20 – 'While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 10:27 'My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.'
- Psalm 25:4 'Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths.'







#### Devotional: Obedience to God's Voice Unlocks His Plan

After Peter's vision, he is instructed by the Holy Spirit to go with three men he doesn't know. This demonstrates that understanding God's revelations often requires responsiveness and trust. Hearing God's voice is vital, but obeying it is transformative.

Peter was not left to interpret the vision on his own; the Spirit guided him toward its fulfillment. This shows the importance of remaining attuned to God's leading through prayer, Scripture, and the community of believers. God's voice often calls us out of our comfort zones to participate in His redemptive plan.

Reflect today on how you hear from God. Are you willing to obey with faith even when the path is unclear or unfamiliar? Like Peter, stepping out in obedience opens the way for God's purposes to unfold in remarkable ways.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you typically discern God's voice amidst daily noise?
2.	What fears or doubts do you have when called to obedience?
3.	What would it look like in your life to trust God as Peter did?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.1	Recall a time when hearing God's voice led you to a new step of faith.
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2.	Write about obstacles you face to obeying God promptly.
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3.1	Pray and journal a commitment to greater attentiveness to God's Spirit.
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#### Prayer for Today

**Dear Lord,** open my ears and heart to Your voice. Help me to discern Your guidance clearly and give me courage to obey immediately, trusting in Your perfect plan. May Your Spirit lead me beyond doubt and fear into faith and fruitful service. In Jesus' name, I surrender all. Amen.  $\Omega$ 







# Day 3: Extending Grace Beyond Boundaries









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#### Your Verse

Acts 10:28 - 'God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 3:28 'There is neither Jew nor Gentile... for you are all one in Christ Jesus.'
- Ephesians 2:14 'He himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one.'







Day 3: 🌣 Extending Grace Beyond Boundaries

#### Devotional: God's Grace Unites All Believers

Peter's realization marks a profound breakthrough—the removal of dividing lines between Jews and Gentiles. By declaring that no one should be called impure, Peter embraces God's revelation that salvation and fellowship are open to all people, regardless of background or past distinctions.

This truth calls believers today to extend grace beyond their comfort zones and prejudices. The church is meant to be a unified body, reflecting God's reconciling work. Thinking about whom you might exclude because of social, cultural, or personal biases is important. God invites us to participate in breaking down walls and embodying His inclusive love.

How can you cultivate a heart of acceptance and welcome, mirroring God's vision revealed to Peter?







Day 3: 🎔 Extending Grace Beyond Boundaries

### Reflect and Apply

1.	What barriers exist in your heart or community that separate people from God's love?
2.	How can you actively promote unity in diversity within your fellowship?
3.	What role does grace play in breaking down divisions?







Day 3: 🎔 Extending Grace Beyond Boundaries

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	List people or groups you find challenging to accept and ask God to change your heart.
2.	Write about ways your church or community can be more inclusive.
3.	Reflect on how Christ's unity challenges personal prejudices.







Day 3: 🎔 Extending Grace Beyond Boundaries

#### Prayer for Today

**Gracious God,** thank You for Your boundless grace that unites us all. Remove any walls of division in my heart and community. Empower me to love and accept others as You do, reflecting Your inclusive kingdom. May I be an agent of peace and reconciliation. Amen.  $\heartsuit \heartsuit \circlearrowleft \bigtriangleup$ 















#### Your Verse

Romans 14:14 – 'I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Colossians 2:16–17 'Do not let anyone judge you... These are a shadow of the things that were to come.'
- Hebrews 8:13 'By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete.'







#### Devotional: Living in Christ's Freedom and Grace

Peter's vision symbolizes the arrival of the new covenant, where rules about clean and unclean foods no longer apply. Paul echoes this in Romans, affirming our freedom in Christ not to be bound by former ceremonial laws.

However, freedom in Christ is not a license to sin but a call to live by the Spirit with faith and love. Understanding this balance helps us avoid legalism and licentiousness, focusing instead on what reflects Christ to the world.

Today, meditate on how Jesus transforms your faith from rule-keeping to relationship. Are there areas where you cling to old rules instead of embracing freedom under grace?







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What does it mean for you personally that nothing is unclean in itself?
2.	Are there traditions or rules you find hard to let go?
3.	How can freedom in Christ lead to more loving and Spirit-led living?







### **Journaling Prompts**

Write about areas where God invites you to experience greater freedom.
Reflect on how legalism may have affected your relationship with God.
Journal ways to pursue grace-filled obedience rather than rule-keeping.







#### Prayer for Today

**Lord Jesus,** thank You for freeing me from the old restrictions and calling me to live by Your Spirit in grace and truth. Help me embrace this new covenant fully and walk in freedom that honors You. Teach me to love as You love, without judgment or condemnation. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

1 Peter 1:16 - 'Be holy, because I am holy.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Leviticus 11:44 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'
- 2 Corinthians 7:1 'Let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit.'







#### Devotional: Holiness Transformed by Grace and Spirit

While Peter embraces the new understanding of clean and unclean, God's call to holiness remains central. The shift from Old Testament laws on diet to a new covenant lifestyle redefines holiness not in external rituals but in internal transformation.

Holiness today involves being set apart for God through our thoughts, attitudes, and actions. It's about reflecting God's character in how we live, loving others, and pursuing purity of heart.

Reflect on how your life reflects God's holiness under the new covenant. What habits or mindsets need renewal? How does Peter's example inspire your pursuit of holy living?







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you define holiness in your daily life?
2.	In what ways can you pursue holiness beyond mere external observance?
3.	What steps can you take to grow more Christlike in character?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Identify one area in your life needing purification or renewal.
2.	Write prayers asking God to shape your heart toward holiness.
	List practical ways to demonstrate holiness in community and relationships.







#### Prayer for Today

**Holy God,** refine my heart and mind to live as You call me — holy and set apart. Teach me to pursue purity not by rules but by love and Spirit-led transformation. May my life honor You wholly and draw others to Your grace. Amen.

















#### Your Verse

Acts 10:34-35 - 'God does not show favoritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- James 2:1 'My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.'
- Hebrews 11:6 'Without faith it is impossible to please God.'







#### Devotional: Faith in Action Bridges Divides

Walking in faith means trusting God's promises and obeying His instructions, even when they challenge societal norms. Peter's acceptance of Gentiles required faith — faith that God's Spirit was at work beyond the expected boundaries.

Obedience combined with faith leads to breakthroughs in ministry, relationships, and personal growth. God's impartiality invites believers to embrace all people, honoring His work in diverse lives and cultures.

Today, consider how your faith is guiding your obedience. Are there areas you hesitate to yield fully? God calls you to trust and walk confidently in His purposes, just like Peter.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How does faith empower obedience in difficult situations?
2.	What areas challenge you to fully trust God's impartial love?
3.	In what ways can you demonstrate faith to bridge divides?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Recall a moment when faith helped you overcome fear or hesitation.
2.	Write about ways to show impartial love in your daily life.
3.	Reflect on how God might be calling you to step out in faith now.







#### Prayer for Today

Faithful God, increase my trust in Your plan and lead me in obedient steps. Help me embrace Your impartial love and boldly answer Your call. Strengthen my faith so I may walk confidently in Your will and reflect Your grace to all. Amen.















#### Your Verse

Acts 10:44 - 'While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.'

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 28:19 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.'
- John 3:16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.'







#### Devotional: Empowered to Share God's Inclusive Love

The culmination of Peter's vision and message is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Gentile believers, marking God's inclusive kingdom. The Spirit's arrival affirms that salvation transcends ethnic and cultural boundaries, fulfilling God's promise to redeem all peoples.

As followers of Christ, we are called to live out this inclusive vision by sharing the gospel faithfully and loving others without discrimination. This challenges us to be witnesses of God's radical love and agents of unity.

Reflect on how you can embody God's inclusive kingdom today. What steps can you take to be a bridge-builder, sharing God's grace freely with all?







### Reflect and Apply

1.	How does the Holy Spirit's work exemplify God's inclusive heart?
2.	In what ways can your life reflect this openness to all people?
3.	What outreach or relationship can you pursue to live God's vision?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about how you can share the gospel in inclusive ways.
2.	Reflect on God's love for the entire world and your role in it.
3.	Journal a plan for action to engage with diverse communities.







#### Prayer for Today

**Spirit of God,** fill me anew with Your power to live and proclaim the inclusive love of Christ. Help me break down walls and reach out with grace to all people. May my life be a testimony of Your kingdom where everyone is welcome. In Jesus' name, Amen.







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