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### SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS

On the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott For the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

April 4th, 1909.

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Peter and Cornelius. Acts x:1-48.  
 Golden Text—In every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted of him. Acts x:35.

Verses 1-8—Was a devout Roman in those days as well pleasing to God as was a devout Jew?

Can you give any reason to-day why God is not as well pleased with a devout Roman Catholic, as he is with a devout Protestant, or vice versa?

What reason is there for or against the idea, that revelations and visions were given to devout men of all nations in those days, as well as the Jews?

Verses 9-16—Is it wise and profitable to have certain set times for prayer, or is it better to be always in the spirit of prayer, and let our needs, or the Holy Spirit, direct as to special times for prayer?

Are people who are not seeking for revelations, likely to have them?

The eating of the flesh of those animals, or most of them, which Peter saw in his vision, is forbidden in the old testament; how do you account for it, that "the word of God," and the spirit of God do not agree in this case?

Peter in the first instance stuck to his creed, and refused to obey the direct voice of God; was he right or wrong in so doing?

Must we, in thought, be bound in all things by the written words in the Bible, and refuse to obey any direction of the Holy Spirit to the contrary?

Verses 17-27—Does God blame us if we test what we think to be revelations before we act up to them?

When God gives a revelation that is not unmistakably clear, may we depend that he will arrange circumstances, or give another revelation to clear up the doubt, as in this case?

Was Cornelius reconciled to God, or an accepted child at this time?

Verses 28-29.—Are any of the Commandments of the Bible to be tested by the teaching of Jesus, and by the spirit of God, or must we unhesitatingly obey them all, just as they read, without any question? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verses 30-33.—If we prayed and fasted more, should we have more visions of God?

Is there any merit in good works; and how much if any, credit does God give for them?

Does God in these days give by his Spirit, such detailed and matter-of-fact instructions, as he gave to Peter and Cornelius.

Verses 34-43.—What is the ground of a man's acceptance with God, according to Peter's statement here?

According to the suggestion in verse 37, Cornelius had heard about Jesus, his teaching, his death and resurrection; is it at all unlikely that he was a believer in Jesus?

Verses 44-48.—What is the meaning of the Holy Spirit falling upon this company?

Excepting the gift of tongues, are all Christians privileged to receive the Holy Ghost as these persons did? How may a Christian in the state Cornelius was, receive the Holy Ghost as he did?

Lesson for Sunday, April 11th, 1909. —Easter Lesson. I Cor. xv:12-28.

Mrs. A. F. Huber and daughter Mayda, were Independence visitors Tuesday.

### Gold and Silver Medals Bibles—Books.

The International Newspaper Bible Study Club is for the purpose of promoting, in an unfettered way among the masses, a wider study of the Bible, the basal truths of Christianity, and the problems which enter into every man's life. It is composed of all those who join a Local Club, and take up the simple course herein outlined, barring only ordained clergymen. All who have not joined are warmly invited to do so and to compete for the prizes.

Persons may join the club at any time during the year, but must, of course answer the 52 questions hereinafter explained, to qualify for the prizes, and the back questions may be obtained from this office.

This paper has secured the right to publish the International Sunday School Lessons by Rev. Dr. Linscott, which have aroused so much interest elsewhere, and they will appear weekly. One of these questions each week is to be answered in writing, and upon these answers the prizes are to be awarded.

This paper is authorized to form a Local Newspaper Bible Study Club for its readers, and guarantees to all who join and fulfil the conditions, that everything herein promised shall be faithfully carried out.

#### CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST.

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3. Each question must be answered separately, and the paper written on one side only. No answer must exceed two hundred words in length and may be less. Each answer must have the name and address of the writer at the bottom of the answer.

4. The answers must be delivered to this office, and they will be collated at the close of the contest, and forwarded to headquarters for independent examination by competent examiners. The prizes will then be awarded according to the highest number of marks, won by members of the International Newspaper Bible Study Club, and prizes which may be awarded to members of this Local Club will be given out from this office.

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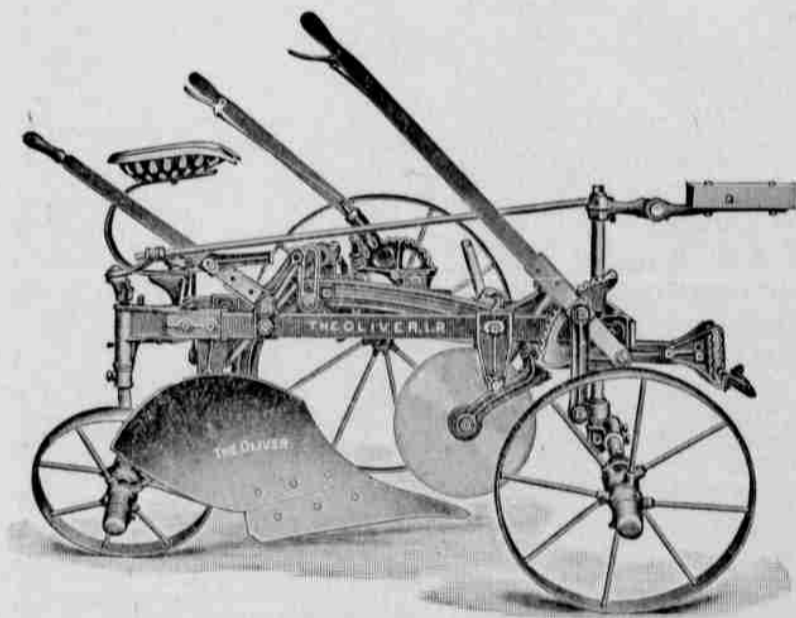
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