



God Shows No Partiality

Acts 10

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Lord Jonathan Sumption

“If you do not lockdown, are the elderly to be sacrificed for the good of the young?”

Anonymous

“My children’s and my grandchildren’s lives are worth much more than mine because they’ve got a lot more of it ahead.”

Lord Jonathan Sumption

“I don’t accept that all lives are of equal value.”

Lord Jonathan Sumption

“With all due respect, I am the person who
you say, their life is not valuable.”

Deborah James

“I didn’t say your life was not valuable; I said it was less valuable.”

Lord Jonathan Sumption

“Not worthless, just worth less.”

Glen Scrivener

“Most legal systems in the world today are based on a belief in human rights. But what are human rights?”

“Human rights ... like God and heaven, are just a story that we’ve invented. They’re not an objective reality. They’re not a biological fact about Homo sapiens.

“Take a human being, cut him open, look inside; you will find the heart, kidneys, neurons, hormones, DNA. But you won’t find any rights. The only place you find rights is in the stories that we have invented and spread.”

Yuval Noah Harari

“Our human worth cannot be discovered via scientific experiments. We share 40% of our DNA with bananas.

“This fact reveals very little about the value of humans, or of bananas. DNA does not and cannot confer moral worth.”

Glen Scrivener

“Dignity is not earned; it is given by the very hand and heart of God.”

Claude Atcho

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 - Peter (9-16)

“In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ But Peter said, ‘By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean.’

“And the voice came to him again a second time, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven.”

Acts 10:12-16

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 - Caesarea (24-29)



“I too am a man.”

Acts 10:26



Caesarea Maritima









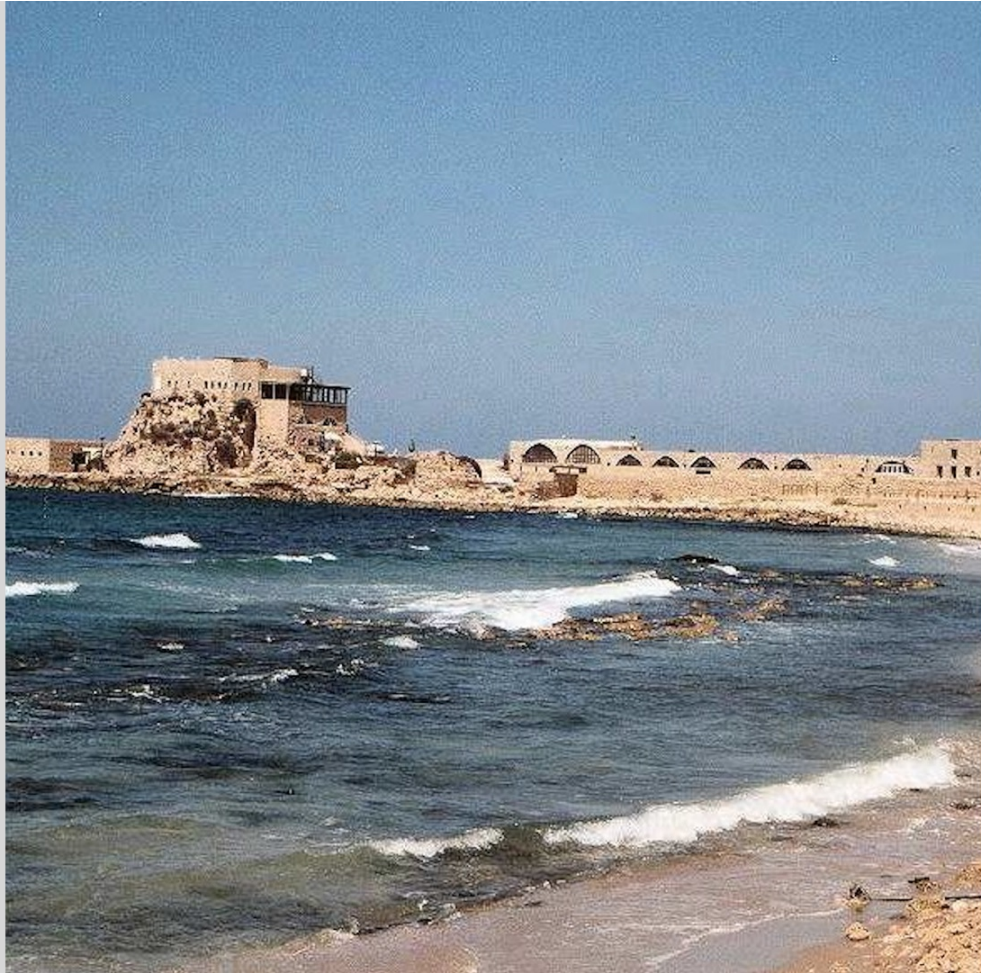
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 - hearing (30-33)

“So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

Acts 10:33

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 - hearing (30-33)
 - speaking (34-43)

“So Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.’

“As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed ...”

Acts 10:34-37

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- ◆ 1 **gift** - to receive what we need to receive

“While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

“And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.

“For they were hearing them speaking in
tongues and extolling God.”

Acts 10:44-46

“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

“And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.”

Acts 10:47-48

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lit. “a receiver of a face”

“My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

“For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, ‘You sit here in a good place,’

“while you say to the poor man, ‘You stand over there,’ or, ‘Sit down at my feet,’ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?”

James 2:1-4









“We felt we would have to let the city know that because we were sanitation workers, we were human beings.”

Sanitation Worker

“God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean.”

Acts 10:28

Who seems unacceptable?

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unredeemable?



Claude Atcho Family

“The test of our commitment to the *imago Dei* is not what we believe about the doctrine of the image of God but how we view, treat, and relate to our fellow image bearers – particularly those most prone to be rendered invisible.

“Our doctrine is not tested by its rational precision but by its **lived application.**”

“When we view children as a drain and nuisance,

“coworkers as footstools to our advancement,

“significant others as receptacles for our frustrations and dispensers of our happiness,

“we walk in the tragic tradition of fallen humanity, seeing God’s visible image bearers not through the true lens of their dignity but selectively as commodities. We render them invisible.

“Our sight needs redemption, which requires both repentance and a Redeemer who draws us back to the purpose for which we were made.

“Christ – the image of God – must be the center of our vision, as the image of true humanity and the redeemer of broken humanity.

“He is the one who seeks the invisible, comforts the outcast, and dissolves the hostilities between those who have seen each other through the lens of hatred, exploitation, and invisibility.

“It is Christ, the image of the invisible God, who mends and heals broken image bearers – body, soul, eyes, and all – so that we might grow to behold one another rightly as we image our Creator under the Spirit’s powerful, loving, sway.”

Claude Atcho