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"Devout and God-Fearing"

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revelation from God, (Acts 10:2) had a personal relationman was "Cornelius, a centurion... He and his family were devout and God-fearing..." (Acts 10:1-2)

"Devout" (eusebes), means to be respectful to God and things regarding worship unto Him. Devout people are dutiful in their efforts to seek God and know His will for them. "God-fearing" (phobeo) means to have a reverential obedience toward God. In the New Testament the term "God-fearing" had become what we would call a technical term for Gentiles who became frustrated with their gods and the result of the immorality of mankind. They attended some kind of meetings or had some kind of influence that enabled

Holy Spirit. One such and fill their spiritual Cornelius' home, (Acts the will of God.

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Word records the lives Cornelius's case, he had elation which satisfies the given the Holy Spirit and work of devout, enough revelation to be-spiritual heart and soul. gift of "prophesying" God fearing men. comea man of prayer and Today, devoted God- (Romans 12:6) to the These men received have a heart for the needy. fearing people seek the church, so that people Lord through the whole may be informed of the The Lord will give de-counsel of God's Word. will of God through the ship with Christ and vout, God-fearing Chris- Just as the Lord called expounding of Scripwalked in step with the tians that which they seek, Peter to take a Word to ture for making known

The counsel of God's them to seek God. In hearts with divine rev- 10:22b) the Lord has

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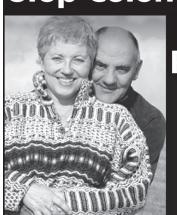
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