

Where's Your Chair?

Acts 10 1-16



'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt;
open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'

Psalm 81:10

Praising:

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the
Lord,
for all his love.

Reading:

Acts 10:1-16
Peter's vision of the food

Leviticus 11 spelled it out.
Basically there was one list of
mammals, fish and insects which
could be eaten, and then another
list of species which couldn't. Eat
from the first list and you
remained undefiled, religiously
pure, ritually clean. Eat from the
second list and you rendered
yourself untouchable, beyond the
spiritual pale. That was how the
Jews understood it. Before God
launched Peter the Jew on an
unsuspecting Gentile world, God

had to teach Peter a lesson which
would alter his world-view
fundamentally. Peter had to learn
that his new-found Christian faith
abolished the petty laws and
taboos which made Peter recoil
not just from certain foods but
from people, places and all sorts
of other things besides.
Something is only ever good
because God has made it to be
so, not because of any
pronouncement by man.

Listening:

Praying:

Open my eyes Lord to see past
my petty personal preferences

- to the people I write off who
are your children, my own
brothers and sisters in Christ
- to the places I ignore as
distant or dangerous, into
which Christ ventured
fearlessly
- to the cultures I dismiss as
untouchable, where Christ
walked in light, truth and
power

Father: I'm so quick to close my
mind, when all the while you
have something to show me
about the limitless reach of your
love, and about your power to
cleanse all things in Jesus. Amen

Doing:

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