

of talk. Sometimes an expression of the face, a motion of the hands, a gesture of the voice will convey an idea, most effectively. God spoke in many ways in the Old Testament. He explained things by words, He gave pictures, He caused people to have experiences which conveyed ~~to~~ ideas to them. He gave types and symbols. He gave the sacrifices all to look forward to Christ and to indicate what He was going to do. He had Moses lift up the serpent in the wilderness, ~~As~~ a means whereby the Israelites could be saved from the results of the serpent's bite, but still more as a means of conveying to them the idea of trust in the provision that God would make to enable them to escape from the serpent of sin. In Acts 10 we have a most interesting illustration of how God works in revealing ideas. We find Peter there, having set ideas in his mind, God wanted to convey a different idea. Peter having one idea found it very hard to get another idea into his head. The Lord used a process to get the idea into Peter's mind. When Peter was hungry God caused him to see a sheet let down from heaven, containing all kinds of animals, then a voice said, rise, kill and eat. Peter said, not so, Lord, I cannot do it because these are unclean animals. I've never touched anything that was unclean. ~~Then~~ a voice said, what God has cleansed, you're not to call unclean. Again it came down, again the voice said, Peter, kill and eat. Peter said, not so, I've never touched anything that is unclean. The Lord said what God has cleansed, that call not thou unclean. This happened three times. God expressed the idea to Peter, conveyed the thought to his mind, expressed to him the fact that God is omnipotent, and God can cleanse, and what God cleanses is no more common, or unclean. Then almost immediately after a messenger came ~~to~~ <sup>from</sup> Cornelius. God had revealed to Cornelius that he was to send to get Peter to tell him how he could be saved. God had in earlier times, caused the Jews to develop a distinctness, an exclusiveness, ~~in~~ in order that under certain world conditions God could keep the little light of knowledge of God burning, that He could keep the little candle going, keep the knowledge of God in the world while He was preparing for the coming of His Son. Now the preparation had been made, the Son had come, it