

THE HEALING OF THE LAME MAN

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(Acts 3:1-8) Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour [3pm]. **And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried**, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms [*compassion, i.e. (as exercised towards the poor)*] of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, **Look on us**. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. **Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk**. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

1. (Acts 4:22) For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was showed.
2. fastening = Gk: from a comp. of G1 (as a particle of union) and teino (to stretch); to gaze intently:-- behold earnestly (stedfastly), fasten (eyes), look (earnestly, stedfastly, up stedfastly), set eyes.

(Acts 3:9-11) And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. And as the lame man which was healed **held Peter and John**, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

(Acts 3:12-16) And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, **Ye men of Israel**, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, **hath glorified his Son Jesus**; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer [*Barabbas (Heb: son of his father)*] to be granted unto you; **And killed the Prince of life**, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him **this perfect soundness** in the presence of you all.

1. (2 Tim 1:7) For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
2. sound = Gk: discipline, i.e. self-control:--sound mind.
3. (2 Cor 10:4-6) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal [*fleshly*], but mighty through God to **the pulling down** [*demolition; fig. extinction:--destruction*] **of strong holds** [*(to fortify); a castle (fig. argument)*];) Casting down imaginings, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, **and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

(Acts 3:17-26) And now, brethren, I wot [*know*] that **through ignorance ye did it**, as did also your rulers. But those things, which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. **Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; ...**

1. repent = Gk: to think differently or afterwards, i.e. reconsider (mor. feel compunction):--repent.
2. converted = Gk: to revert (lit., fig. or mor.):--come (go) again, convert, (re-) turn (about, again).
3. blotted out = Gk: to smear out, i.e. obliterate (erase tears, fig. pardon sin):--blot out, wipe away.
4. refreshing = Gk: prop. a recovery of breath, i.e. (fig.) revival:--revival.

Amen