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ACTS 3:1-16

LESSON: A LAME MAN HEALED — August 14, 2022

INTRODUCTION:

The believers become the first church, and they went to the temple and synagogue at the appointed times for prayer and worship instructed in God's Word.

LESSON: I. HELP ANTICIPATED ACTS 3:1-5

3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. The Jews observed three times of prayer—Morning, the third hour (9AM), Noon, the sixth hour (12PM), and Evening, the ninth hour (3PM). Two consecrated men— Jesus' disciples— Peter and John (the ones in the inner circle, the ones witnessed Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration, the ones that ran to the tomb after hearing what Mary Magdalene had to say about Jesus' body not being in the tomb). Peter, the one who Jesus told to feed His sheep. And John the one Jesus told to take care of His mother. Yes, they are always together, and they go up to the temple to pray at the ninth hour (3PM). And at the appointed time, Peter and John, Jesus' faithful prayer warriors go where they are needed. They're at church among the people because someone needs Jesus' help! Are we really listening when Jesus speaks? Or are we all about self?

3:2 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 of them that entered into the temple;— Peter and John find this man whose name is not known, but we know his condition. He's lame, crippled from his mother's womb. Also, we know where he's placed daily. He's laid daily sitting at the temple gate, called Beautiful asking for alms (contributions; money, help).

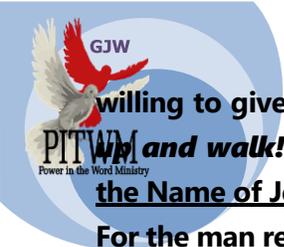
3:3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. This man sees Peter and John as they are about to go into the temple, and like he always does, he's asking for alms.

3:4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, **Look on us**. Peter's sight is fastened upon this man along with John, meaning he did not look away. You know how we do. We see them on the street corner holding out their hands for money, but many times we look away. The great need of the hour was for prayer, however there was another need right in front of them—the man lame from birth. And Peter says **Look on us** meaning put your eyes upon us.

3:5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. The lame man really paid close attention, expecting, and anticipating a gift from them that will be a blessing to him.

II. HEALING ACCOMPLISHED ACTS 3:6-11

3:6 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**. Peter and John were not able to hand over any silver and gold (money) to the lame man, and literally said so. But they didn't stop there, for such as they had, they were



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willing to give, and that is, "in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Peter commanded the man to, **rise and walk!**" Peter was able to give something which was better than money to the man, for it is **in the Name of Jesus**, in the authority of Jesus' Name that commanded bountiful blessings of healing to come. For the man really needed to rise up from his situation and walk.

3:7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. Jesus never leaves us along. Jesus knew what the man needed. Peter and John were in the right place at the right time: His instruments. God will send you and I to the right place at the right time if you're willing and available. So, Peter extends his hand out to take hold of the man's right hand and lifts him up. And immediately this man's feet and ankle bones received strength. Something happened at the Name of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit! The Word spoken came alive!

3:8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. This man was no longer lame, he no longer was sitting at the temple gate, but in this miraculous God-given strength, he began to leap up, stand, walk, and now enter into the temple walking, leaping, and praising God. He knew who to praise. He knew who made it possible.

3:9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God:— People who had seen this man sitting in front of the temple, now see him walking and praising God. This was the day of his miracle, and he couldn't help it.

3:10 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. Yes, he had sat begging for money at the Beautiful gate of the temple, and they were just filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to the man because they can see him with their own eyes.

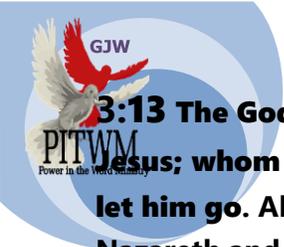
3:11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. This was a sight to see. They see the lame man that was healed holding Peter and John tightly, so the crowd runs out onto the porch of Solomon's Hall.

III. HOLINESS AFFIRMED ACTS 3:12-16

3:12 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?— As the crowd gathered around them, Peter takes this opportunity to address the people of Israel asking why are they marveling at this; why are they looking at them as though it was their power or holiness that made this man to walk? You see the people knew beyond question that the crippled beggar had been healed. They had known him to be a cripple for over forty years. So the points to look at:

1. The people marveled not only at the miracle, but at the power and holiness of Peter and John.
2. Peter made the fact very clear that power and holiness are not of men. God does not work miracles for men to be glorified. So, there's no need to marvel or look earnestly upon them! Man has no merit, no virtue, no strength, no authority, and no power to work such a miracle. There was nothing about Peter and John that deserved such power, or holiness whatsoever. God had worked the miracle and God alone. So, when miracles are from God, it's expected, and He's the One to be glorified! God is all powerful!





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3:13 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. Although Peter commands the man to rise up and walk, it was in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and of His power that the miracle came! Peter lets them know that the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the forefathers glorified the Son, Jesus. Peter also tells them that Jesus, God's Son is the One they delivered up and denied before Pilate when Pilate wanted to let Him go. The power and holiness are of God's Son!

3:14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;— Peter repeats this again, that they denied Jesus. Even when they had an opportunity to let Jesus go, they chose a murderer to be granted freedom over Jesus, the Holy and Just One! So, the points to look at:

1. Men delivered up God's Son.

a. Jesus died for every man's sin. b. It was every man's sin that necessitated His death.

Can we look at it and say that no man is exempt from God's love and then say no man is exempt from the death of Jesus? Every man's sins are covered by God's love and Jesus' death. Therefore, every man—in all the arrogance and rebellion and denial of His sins—delivered Jesus up to the cross and killed Him. We can all say: It was for my sins He died. It was my sins that put Him on the cross.

2. Men denied Jesus even when He was innocent. Jesus was innocent of the crimes with which He was charged. Even the Roman governor recognized this! There was no charge against Him that was justified.

3. Men denied the Holy One and the Just (Righteous One).

4. Men desired a sinner and murderer. Think about it: Every man who rejects Jesus is choosing sinful men and their ways over the sinless Son of God and His ways. Why? – Because murdering, sinful men allows men to walk and live as they wish (immorally and unjustly).

3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

5. Men killed the Prince of life. The word "Prince" means both Prince and Author, the very Source of all Life. Although Peter tells them they killed the Prince of Life, he also shows them that "He" can't stay dead. God, the Father raised Jesus from the dead, and Peter and John are witnesses.

3:16 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. So, to complete this, Peter recalls to them that it is in a man's name that represent his character. Therefore, it stood for his authority and power. By using Jesus' Name, Peter showed who gave him the authority and power to heal. And it must be used by faith. It is in the Name of Jesus through faith in His Name that the man they saw and knew had received perfect healing; making the lame man strong.

SUMMARY:

Peter and John went up together to go into the temple at the ninth hour of prayer. There is a man lame from birth begging for alms at the gate called Beautiful. He sees Peter and John approaching and asks for alms. Peter along with John also sees the lame man and tells him to "look on us." And the lame man is expected to receive something from them (3:1-5).

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Peter and John didn't have money (silver nor gold) to give, but such as they had was a powerful Word and the Name of the One who has all authority and power backing them. ¹In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Peter commands the lame man to rise up and walk. Taking the lame man by the right hand and lifting him up, the man is healed instantly and completely. Walking, leaping, and praising God, he accompanies Peter and John into the temple to the wonder and amazement of the crowd. The crowd recognized that it was the man who used to be lame, who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they began to be filled with amazement of what had happened to him. As the lame man holds on to Peter and John, the people run to them in Solomon's Porch. (3:6-11).

²Peter questions why the crowd marveled; why are they looking at them so intently? As though by their own power or godliness they made the man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of their fathers had glorified Jesus whom they delivered up, denied, and killed the Prince of Life, for a murderer to be granted for release. But God raised Jesus from the dead and Peter said they were witnesses. It was through faith in Jesus' Name that made the man strong (3:12-16).

¹ http://executableoutlines.com/acts/acts_0and3.htm

² http://executableoutlines.com/acts/acts_03.htm

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