

Studies in the Acts of the Apostles

NT Survey Lesson 53--Acts 3

Introduction: In this chapter Luke gives us an example of the many miraculous cures performed by the apostles, and their effect on the people of Jerusalem. These signs were proof that the message of the apostles was from God. The sermons themselves are masterpieces of teaching, giving by the Holy Spirit to perfectly suit the audience present to listen. Take time to understand the points being made in these wonderful sermons. Note them carefully.

The lame beggar is healed--Ac. 3:1-10

1. Explain the condition of the beggar. What was his infirmity? How long had he had it? How did he make a living? What did he ask Peter and John to do?
2. By what power or authority did Peter perform this cure? Describe the nature of the lame man's healing. How did he react to his cure? How did the people react? Could they identify him as the one who had begged for so long?
3. What did the enemies of the apostles later acknowledge about this cure? (Ac. 3:16)

Peter's second recorded sermon in Jerusalem--Ac. 3:11-26

1. What purpose did the healing serve in this setting?
2. Who did Peter say was not responsible for this miracle? What does this say about Peter and John?
3. Who did Peter say had performed this cure? What did this indicate about Jesus?
4. What did Peter affirm the Jews had done to Jesus?
5. What did Peter testify about Jesus?
6. To what did Peter attribute the former conduct of the Jews?

7. What did Peter say God was doing through these events?
8. What command did Peter give them to have these sins blotted out? Is this different from what he told the people of Pentecost? If not, what might we learn from this parallel statement?
9. What blessings would come from repenting and being converted?
10. What is the "restoration of all things" of which Peter said the prophets spoke?
11. Who had Moses predicted that God would raise up to bring about this "restoration"?
12. What other prophets spoke of those days of which Peter was speaking?
13. For whom were these promises especially reserved or given? What promise in particular does Peter mention?
14. How did God intend to fulfill the promise made to Abraham to "bless" his seed? For whom "first" were these promises given? Upon what condition were they to be enjoyed?