

THE HEALING OF THE LAME MAN: SALVATION THROUGH A NAME

QUOTE:

Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Acts 3:25-26

Healing the Lame Man

"Lame" - Means 'to be deprived of a foot, or maimed'.

Represents the true condition of mortal man in his natural state - [Jer 10:23](#).

Typical of the spiritual condition of the general people of the nation - spiritually lame, and carried along by the blind leaders. Not able to walk in their own individual faith, allowing themselves to be led into error by them (see [Acts 3:12-17](#)).

In healing the lame man, Peter was showing that faith in the name of Jesus Christ is able to transform the spiritually lame, to one who walks in the way of truth (see [Acts 3:25-26](#)), which leads to the healing of our physical infirmities at his coming ([Isa 35:6-8](#)).

Bible Marking

[Acts 3:2](#) - "**daily**" - cp [Acts 2:46-47](#). In Christ, they daily laboured. In Judaism they were daily unable to walk.

"Beautiful" - See uses - [Matt 23:27](#); [Acts 3:2,10](#); [Rom 10:15](#).

[Acts 3:4](#) - "**look on us**" - allusion to [Isaiah 45:21-22](#).

[Acts 3:6](#) - "**rise up**" - used of Christ's resurrection ([v15](#)).

Typical of the new life and walk of those baptised into Christ - [Rom 6:4-6](#). It was a spiritual resurrection - [Jn 5:25](#).

"Walk" - used 5 times ([v6](#), [8](#) (2x), [9](#), [12](#)) - By the grace of God he walked in newness of life, praising God.

[Acts 3:10](#) - "**wonder**" - sig - to render immovable. (They became like the man had been).

"amazement" - the throwing of the mind from it's normal state, to a state of fear and wonderment.

[Acts 3:11](#) - There had been no public miracle since the death of Christ. These events prepared the people to hear Peter.

[Acts 3:13](#) - "**The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers**" - Quotes Exodus 3:6, 14-16.

[Acts 3:15](#) - "**Prince of Life**" - See Mgn - "author or leader of life" - cp [v14](#) - The Jews desired a murderer, just as they desired the Law - which condemned to death all who came under it ([Gal 3:21-22](#)).

Acts 3:16 - **“strong”** - to strengthen or make firm in faith (used in **Acts 16:5**). A token fulfilment of **Isaiah 53:5**.

“Perfect soundness” - ‘used of an unimpaired condition of body, in which all its members are healthy and fit for use’ (Thayer).

Acts 3:19 - **“repent”** - to change ones mind and purpose. Used 5x in Acts - **2:38; 3:19; 8:22; 17:30; 26:20**. Must be sorry for our past sins (**2 Cor 7:10**). Esau failed to do this (**Heb 12:16-17**).

“Converted” - means “to turn towards”; “to turn around and to focus upon a different goal”. Always a positive action. Opposite to “turning away” (**v26**).

“Blotted out” - means “to completely erase”. See results - **Jude 24**.

“Refreshing” - Refers to ‘obtaining relief’. Relief from the trials of life that come due to the burden of the nature we bear, enmity that comes with being a servant of Christ (**Gen 3:15; Jn 16:33**)

“Presence” - means ‘the face’. See **Num 6:24-26; Psa 80:1-3,6-7,14-19**.

Acts 3:21 - **“times of restitution of all things”** - See **Matt 17:11 (Mal 4:5-6); Amos 9:11; Jer 33:7-11** - Refers to the restoration of the Kingdom of God.

Acts 3:22-23a - Quotes **Deut 18:15,19**. See Margin (“h”).

Acts 3:23 - **“hear”** - means to heed / obey.

“Destroyed” - means to cut off, utterly destroy, raze to the ground, or exterminate.

“Shall be destroyed from among the people” - Quotes **Gen 17:14** - the penalty for not being circumcised. Speaks of one who does not cut off the flesh in their life. This is the power of the blessing of Abraham. See **vv25-26**.

Acts 3:24 - **“Foretold of these days”** - ie the days of the first century when Messiah came, was rejected, and the people judged in AD 70 for their rejection of him. All this was foretold in the prophets.

Acts 3:25 - **“And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.”** - Promise made in **Gen 12:3; 22:18**.

Acts 3:26 - **“Unto you first”** - ie according to the principle of: The Jew first, and also to the Gentile. (**Rom 1:16; 2:9,10**).

“To bless you in turning away every one of you from your iniquities” - true repentance and conversion. Involves turning to God and away from sin (See **Heb 9:14**).