THE BOOK OF ACTS

"To Do and To Teach"

<u>Teaching 6: Chapter 3, PT. 1 – Peter's First Miracle</u>

Introduction: We leave **Chapter 2** understanding better how Holy Spirit is no longer on the outside assisting Believers with the assignments Father G-d has placed upon their lives, but how He now lives inside of all Believers every day.

- Sealing us until the day of Redemption.
- Empowering us to be effective witnesses.
- The Power to Teach **<u>and</u>** Do the work of the Kingdom on earth.

Question: Who do we have to thank for such a gift?

Answer: Yeshua/Jesus asked but Father gave us His Spirit to live inside of us!



The Role of Holy Spirit – He's more than a wave: He's a Person!

John 14:15-17 (AMP) – [15] "If you [really] love Me, you will keep *and* obey My commandments. [16] And **I will ask the Father**, and **He will give** you another **Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby)**, to be with you forever— [17] the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you *continually* and will be in you.

Acts 3:1-10

Healing the Lame Beggar

Verse 1

Acts 3:1 (AMP) – [1] Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour (3:00 p.m.),

Understanding: Praying at 3:00 p.m. was done to coincide with the evening sacrifices and incense offerings. First thing to note is that Peter was the leader of the Ekklesia (Church) coming out of the Upper Room, but unity was required to advance the Kingdom.



- What a beautiful message of forgiveness that is being displayed here by our Father!
- Remember, Peter denied the Lord three times, but John never left His side.
- Father uses the faithful and the unfaithful whose hearts are truly repented.

Repent-(Etymological)-to be grieved over one's past and seek forgiveness; feel such regret for sins, crimes, or omissions as produces amendment of life," from **Latin-*poenitire***-"make sorry,"-To repent is to regret so deeply as to change the mind or course of conduct in consequence and **develop new mental and spiritual habits.**

<u>Verse 2</u>

Acts 3:2 (AMP) – [2] and a man who had been unable to walk from birth was being **carried along, <u>whom they used</u>** to set down every day at that gate of the temple which is called **Beautiful,** so that he could beg alms from those entering the temple.

Note: The man was being carried to dependency!

- "Whom they used".
- Whoever carried him to dependency also profited from it!
- He was taken to the gate called beautiful.

Why?

Answer: So, he could beg more.

The Beautiful Gate/The Golden Gate



- Christian tradition links the Golden Gate, the walled-up eastern gate of the Old City, and the Temple Mount with the "Temple Gate called Beautiful".
- Regardless, this would become known as the location of the first miracle to be performed by Peter.
- The lame and poor man begged the right person this day.

Verses 3-5

Acts 3:3-5 (AMP) – [3] So when he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he *began* asking [them] for coins. [4] But Peter, along with John, stared at him intently and said, **"Look at us!"** [5] And the man *began* to pay attention to them, **eagerly expecting to receive something from them.**



Key: The most powerful words that can be said to a beggar that is used to people walking by them are the words, **"look at me"**.

- This man probably never had anyone want him to look at them.
- These few words put incredible expectancy in him.
- He possibly stared intently at Peter and John's hands expecting a handout.
- Peter and John were not there to offer the temporary when they had so much more to offer.

Verses 6-8

Acts 3:6-8 (AMP) – [6] But Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have; but what I do have I give to you: In the name **(authority, power)** of Jesus Christ the Nazarene— **[begin now to]** walk *and* go on walking!" [7] Then he seized the man's right hand with a firm grip and raised him up. And at once his feet and ankles became strong *and* steady, [8] and with a leap he stood up and *began* to walk; and he went into the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.



- When a miracle happens, everyone will know it!
- It does not have to be at an event or a big gathering.
- Peter made it evident how this man gained his miracle.
- By the Power and Authority given to them in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.
- The Apostles reached out their hand by faith in Jesus.

Verses 9-10

Acts 3:9-10 (AMP) - [9] When all the people saw him walking and praising God, [10] they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they **were filled with wonder and amazement** at what had happened to him.

Understanding: What we are about to learn in **Part 2** of **Chapter 3** is that the Apostles followed a pattern. No matter what happened or how Father chose to use them, they kept the eyes of the people on Yeshua.

Their great anointings never overshadowed the Anointed One!

The End