

The Acts of the Apostles 3

ASVh with Comments

Summary. In this chapter, we witness the mighty power of God exercised by the apostles in the name of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Also, we witness the apostles' testimony about the Lord Jesus, who is glorified by God the Father. **Acts 3:1-10.** Peter and John heal a lame man from birth in the name of the Lord Jesus. Peter and John gave the most valuable and powerful gift a person can get on this earth; they offered to this lame man the beloved Son of God for his soul. When Peter gave the hand to lift the person up, the Lord also gave His hand to lift him up. **Acts 3:11-16.** Peter preaches to the people in Solomon's portico. People were all amazed at the miraculous healing of the lame man and wanted to know how he was healed. Peter testifies that God the Father has glorified His Son, Jesus Christ, whom people crucified, by saying, "you killed the Prince of life; whom God raised up from the dead; whereof we are witnesses." The Prince of life has condemned death already by God the Father raising Him from the dead in human flesh. The healing of the lame man was done by the living Prince of life, the Lord Jesus. **Acts 3:17-26.** Peter preaches repentance to the people. God the Father has explicitly spoken about His beloved Son through many prophets of the old time. Humans put the beloved Son of God to death on the cross, but God the Father rose His Son from the dead, and now heaven is His home. When the right time comes, the Father will let humans see the beloved Son coming down to judge the earth. The beloved Son wishes to save the people, and the Father has let Him come down to save them, but every one of them must turn to Him to receive that pardon.

¹ Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

Comments Acts 3:1. It was a custom of people to go at specific hours to glorify the Lord and ask questions from the Lord, but most of the time, the priest would answer.

² And a certain man, being lame from his mother's womb, was being carried, whom they laid every day at the door of the temple called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered into the temple;

Comments Acts 3:2. It was common for those who were sick to be placed in front of the gate of the temple, so when people came in to worship the Lord, they would have pity and give money to them.

³ who seeing Peter and John about to enter into the temple, asked to receive almsgiving.

⁴ Now Peter, looking intently upon him, with John, said, Look to us.

⁵ And he paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.

Comments Acts 3-4. When someone is looking at a person who is entering to worship God in a temple, that person expects the Lord to work in their heart to have mercy, and here in this place, this person expects the same thing, but he also expects mercy from the Lord Himself to give him.

⁶ However, Peter said, Silver and gold I have none; however, what I have, this I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!

Comments Acts 3:6. As the verse says, the treasure of this world the disciples did not carry with them, but what they have in their hearts is the beloved Son of God; you all come and receive Him. The most valuable and powerful gift the apostle can offer to all is the beloved Son of God for your souls.

⁷ And having taken him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and the ankles were strengthened.

Comments Acts 3:7. "And having taken him by the right hand." Here, the Lord uses humans to do His work. When the disciple gives the hand to lift the person up, the Lord also gives the hand to lift him up.

"He raised him up." Imagine the picture when someone is lifted up without expecting it; here, the Lord has given confidence to the person to follow and stand up, but the person is also thinking, what for?

"And immediately his feet and the ankles were strengthened." The verse tells all humans that the miracle work of God has been performed in this place; for a person who has never felt some parts of the body, suddenly the body has responded to the word of God, energy has come, the Lord has given strength and energy for the muscles and bones themselves to be whole and awake.

⁸ And leaping up, he stood and began walking; and he entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Comments Acts 3:8. “And leaping up, he stood and began walking.” Give attention to what the verse says: the person who was lame from birth was walking and leaping suddenly; this verse tells all humans that miracles happen with God, and whoever has questions about miracles, here is the proof where it has been written that God performs miracles.

“And he entered with them into the temple.” The first place this person goes is to the temple. The mind of the lame man, when being healed, has walked to the temple, and here is the proof of what the man’s heart had in it.

“Walking, and leaping, and praising God.” Let those who are healthy give attention. This person is healthy and praising God after being ill for a long time, but you who have been healthy always do you give glory to God?

⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God;

¹⁰ and they recognized him, that he was the one sitting for the alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that having happened to him.

Comments Acts 3:10. “And they recognized him ...” The eyes of people saw a miracle, and amazement came upon their hearts; God Almighty performed a magnificent miracle for the eyes of people to see it; they are not told only about miracles from their forefathers anymore; they see it now with their own eyes.

“And they were filled with wonder ...” The miracle made people wonder as well because they all knew what condition this person was in; people saw the lame leaping and praising God, so his actions touched the hearts of people; human eyes witnessed the miracle of God by themselves.

¹¹ Now he is holding Peter and John; all the people ran together to them in the porch called Solomon’s, greatly amazed.

Comments Acts 3:11. “Now he is holding Peter and John.” At this place, the lame man believes the disciples themselves are the ones who cured him with their own power, and holding on to them makes the man think he would receive more blessings.

“All the people ran together to them ...” When the people saw what had happened, it amazed them; all with one accord, they ran to the apostles to see what really happened.

¹² And having seen it, Peter answered to the people: Men, Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Or why do you look intently on us, as if by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk?

Comments Acts 3:12. “And having seen it ...” When people turn their eyes away from the Lord, their minds also become doubtful; they start looking at a man and thinking: is this man who has the true power as God to do the work or not?

“Or why do you look intently on us ...” Because seeing a miracle in front of their eyes, instead of thinking that God was doing it, people think the apostles themselves had power as God to do the miracle.

¹³ The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you indeed delivered up, and denied before the presence of Pilate, he having given judgment to release Him.

Comments Acts 3:13. “The God of Abraham ... has glorified His Servant Jesus.” As the verse tells us, the Father has glorified His Son; let the humans pay attention: the Father has glorified His beloved Son, and you, as a human, why do you blaspheme Him?

“Whom you indeed delivered up ...” The human ruler wants to do the right thing for themselves; God is not in the eyes of the ruler; power and authority are what the ruler seeks, but the true authority and power belong to God Almighty, not humans.

¹⁴ However, you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked, a man, a murderer to be granted to you,

Comments Acts 3:14. “However, you denied the Holy and Righteous One.” Give attention, all readers, to the verse: when you have denied the Holy Son of God, your heart has denied the Father’s will as well; you have left the dark mind to make decisions for you, but the Lord still has mercy on you, come before is too late.

“And asked, a man, a murderer to be granted to you.” Your eyes and your hearts saw the light and the dark, but you rejected the light for life and chose the dark for yourself; this action condemns you. The Lord brought the light in front of your eyes, and you chose Him not.

¹⁵ and **you** killed the **Prince** of life; whom **God** raised **up** from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Comments Acts 3:15. “And you killed the Prince of life.” Give attention to the verse: whom did you kill? Your life has only One Prince, and that Prince is the beloved Son of God.

“Whom God raised up from the dead.” The beloved Son of God never dies; He is always alive in Him. He has condemned death already by God the Father raising Him from the dead in human flesh.

“Whereof we are witnesses.” He has concurred all, and humans have been witnesses; the beloved Son of God has won, and now you know it.

¹⁶ And by faith in **His** name, this man whom **you see** and know, **His** name has strengthened, **even** the faith which is through **Him** has given him this perfect soundness **before** all of you.

Comments Acts 3:16. “And by faith in His name ...” Give attention: the man has faith in the name of the beloved Son of God, and the beloved Son has mercy. Mercy has power, but faith has brought the power of healing to the person.

“Even the faith which is through Him ...” Let all people witness that this man is healed in the name of the beloved Son of God.

¹⁷ And now, **brothers**, I know that **through** ignorance **you acted**, as also your rulers.

Comments Acts 3:17. Ignorance of people creates a wall between humans and God; give attention to it.

¹⁸ And **God**, what **He** announced **beforehand** by the mouth of all the prophets, that **His Christ** should suffer, **He** thus fulfilled.

Comments Acts 3:18. “And God, what He announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets.” The Father always knows things ahead; also, He has warned people ahead of time.

“That His Christ should suffer.” The Father knew what would happen to the beloved Son, but He let all people know, so they should watch out for what they all would do; the judgment will come upon them.

“He thus fulfilled.” With the heartache the Father has, but to honor the Son as well, the Son wants to fulfill what it should be for the humans to be saved; for the love that the beloved Son has for humans, He is willing to fulfill the plan. When humans read, with human thought, they could understand that the Father wanted that way for His Son, but the Father wanted to wipe out humans. However, the beloved Son wanted to save humans, so He has come to take the punishment for humans upon Himself by coming down to be human and die in the hands of humans, all for saving the humans that He loves, it will be fulfilled.

¹⁹ Repent **you** therefore, and turn again, **for the blotting out of** your sins,

Comments Acts 3:19. The verse clearly says to watch out for who the One is that can help you, be aware of Him, and ignore not the warning.

²⁰ so that there may come **times** of refreshing from the presence of the **Lord**; and that **He** may send the **One** **having** been appointed to you, **Jesus Christ**,

Comments Acts 3:20. “So that there may come times ...” This promise is also a promise from the Father: the suffering of His beloved Son will bring blessings for humans; the pouring down of the Holy Spirit will come for humans; when you receive it, remember who is the One who took the punishment for you.

“He may send the One having been appointed to you, Jesus Christ.” Let all humans pay attention to the verse. God the Father has spoken specifically about His beloved Son: the beloved Son of God will come to be the Savior of the world with mighty power, but at this time, humans with dark minds do not recognize the Mighty One.

²¹ whom the heaven must **indeed** receive until the times of restoration of all things, **of which God** **spoke** by the mouth of **His** holy prophets from **the age**.

Comments Acts 3:21. “Whom the heaven must indeed receive ...” At this time, heaven is the place for the beloved Son of God to stay until the judgment time comes. When the right time comes, the Father will let humans see the beloved Son coming down to judge the earth.

“Of which God spoke ...” The Father has sent His prophets to tell things ahead of time; humans’ ears have heard; the Holy Book records that the beloved Son will come, and the earth will be judged.

²² Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the **Lord your God** raise up to you **out of your brothers**, like me. **Him** shall you hear in all things, **as many as He** shall speak to you.

Comments Acts 3:22. “Moses indeed said, A prophet shall ...” In this verse, God the Father said to all humans that time is coming, and the God of your fathers shall raise up His beloved Son, Him you all must listen.

“Him shall you hear in all things ...” When the beloved Son of God is lifted up, humans will see the true power of God, and with the mighty power, all eyes and ears will see.

²³ And it shall be that every soul **who** shall not **hear** that **Prophet**, **will** be utterly destroyed **out** from the people.

Comments Acts 3:23. Let every believer pay attention to this verse. God the Father has declared that if someone does not listen to this Prophet, you all must make sure to cast that person off. Do not invite them into your house or eat at the same table with them but separate yourself from that person and have no hatred towards them. God does not want you to hate anyone, even if that person does wrong things; in your heart, bring that person into your prayer and beg for mercy.

Note: Every single word of this verse will be acted out during the beloved Son of God’s reign on Earth.

²⁴ And **now** all the prophets from Samuel and **those** that followed after, as many as have spoken, they also **have proclaimed** these days.

Comments Acts 3:24. Take note of the words of this verse: God the Father has declared to all His prophets of the old time, the coming days of the beloved Son to judge the earth; many warnings, many saying from God the Father, but humans choose to ignore; so few humans give attention, but when the judgment comes upon them then they become angry; they become angry at God the Father to be unfair in not warning them.

²⁵ **You** are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which **God** made with your fathers, saying **to** Abraham, And in **your** seed **will** all the families of the earth be blessed.

Comments Acts 3:25. “You are the sons of the prophets.” As the verse says, you are with the covenant of God; when God made the covenant with anyone, that person will also receive the ability to fulfill the work.

“And of the covenant which God made ...” God the Father made a covenant with a human man, and that covenant God will also fulfill; the blessing all humans will receive comes with that covenant. God the Father also promised the way to be saved through this covenant.

“And in your seed will all the families of the earth be blessed.” Give attention to the verse itself; the seed in this place not only refers to multiplying the human seed, but God the Father will fulfill His promise in sending His own Son to be born as human to save all humans from their sins.

²⁶ To you first, **God** having raised up **His** Servant, sent **Him**, **blessing** you, in turning away every one from your iniquities.

Comments Acts 3:26. “To you first, God having raised up His Servant.” Consider the verse: who is the first to receive the blessing? The children of God received the blessing first; the Mighty God will use them for the blessing of the world.

“Sent Him, blessing you.” God the Father sent His Son born out among His people for the blessing of His children; He would be human from the race of His children.

“In turning away every one from your iniquities.” The beloved Son wishes to save the people, and the Father has let Him come down to save them, but every one of them must turn to Him to receive that pardon.

Life and faith applications. 1) The most valuable gift we can give to people we meet is the Lord Jesus for their souls. 2) Be witnesses of the Lord’s death and resurrection to the world. 3) When we extend our hand to help someone in the name of the Lord Jesus, the Lord Jesus is also there. 4) The beloved Son wishes to save all people, but every one of them must turn to Him to receive pardon and salvation of their souls.