**Acts 3:12-26 “Peter Calls Israel to Repentance”**

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1. Recap

A. Acts 3:1-11 – The First Apostolic Miracle

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**“Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour.* 2And 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 from those who entered the temple; 3who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” 5So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” 7And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. 9And all the people saw him walking and praising God. 10Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.**

**11Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon’s, greatly amazed.**

**SLIDE 2**

B. God’s Program – Reconciling All Things to Himself

1. God’s Punctuality (vs. 1-4) – There is an appointed time for all things.

2. God’s Provision (vs. 5-7) – God’s provision is not always what we expect or want from Him.

3. God’s Plan (vs. 8-9) – We must have a right response to God’s plan.

4. God’s Purpose (vs. 10-11) – God’s purpose is to reconcile all things to Himself.

2. Introduction to “Peter’s Call to Repentance in Acts 3:12-26

**“Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon’s, greatly amazed. 12So when Peter saw *it,* he responded to the people: “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. 14But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. 16And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.**

**17“Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers. 18But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 19Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. 22For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23And it shall be *that* every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ 24Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. 25You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ 26To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities.”**

I used to avoid passages in the Bible that I didn’t understand, which left me with little to read...

In many ways, this is a difficult passage, if you don’t take the time to understand the context for some of the things Peter is saying. Let’s work through it...

**SLIDE 3**

A. Peter Points out Israel’s spiritual blindness (vs. 11-12)

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Notice two wrong thoughts here based in human understanding:

1. Peter’s power

2. Peter’s piety

We must develop a Divine Viewpoint which says, “God did this.”

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B. Peter Preaches the Truth (vs. 13-15)

**“The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. 14But you denied the Holy One and the Just and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.”**

1. Peter connects their heritage to Jesus

2. Peter begins at the beginning with his indictment of Israel

2. Peter once again states that he and the apostles witnessed the resurrection of Jesus Christ

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C. Peter Proclaims the Authority of Christ (v. 16)

**“And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.”**

1. This is Peter’s call to take them from thinking earthly thoughts to a divine viewpoint. (You have seen the authority of the name of Christ in action)

2. Peter just gave an example of how Jesus now operates on earth (we are His body).

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D. Peter points to prophecy about Jesus (vs. 17-18)

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1. Jesus pleaded for forgiveness on behalf of Israel (Luke 23:34) and He did so as the Christ. Peter is verifying this.

2. Jesus, by whose authority the lame man was healed is the Christ.

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E. Peter Pleads with Israel to Repent and turn to Christ (v. 19)

**“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...”**

1. A national call to repentance

2. A change of mind, followed by a change of action

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F. Peter Prophecies the result of Israel’s repentance (vs. 19-26)

**“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. 22For Moses truly said to the fathers, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23And it shall be *that* every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ 24Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. 25You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’ 26To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities.”**

1.Jesus’ earthly, promised Kingdom will not be ushered in until Israel believes.

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Application

1. Reason from a Divine Viewpoint (Romans 12:2)

**“...do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”**

2. Recognize your sin (1 John 1:8)

**“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”**

3. Rely on the Resurrection of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:17)

**“...if Christ is not risen, your faith *is* futile; you are still in your sins!”**

4. Repent and Return to Jesus (James 4:8)

**“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”**