

ACTS of GOD #11: Faith in His Name

Acts 3:11-16 3/17/2019

Peter Bears Witness on Solomon's Porch

(v. 11)

¹¹ While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement.

- The man who was no longer lame was clinging to Peter & John
 - After 40 years he had been healed in Jesus Name
 - Leaping, shouting, praising God, & following Peter & John
 - Clinging on in gratitude for the miracle that had occurred,
 - Clinging on in anticipation of the message that would accompany

-This was not the first time there was an opportunity for faith on the porch

²³ it was winter, & Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ The Jews then gathered around Him, & were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

John 10:22-26

- The people did not believe or follow Jesus despite the works
- Instead, they rejected Him & tried to seize & stone Him
- In essence, their unbelief had crippled them from following

-The people rush in amazed at the miraculous healing

-Peter Bears Witness to their Weakness as Followers

(v. 12)

¹² But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

- The Men of Israel should not be surprised by the power of God
 - God has acted in their midst historically & recently through Jesus
- The Fixed gaze of Amazement is misdirected
 - The miracle was not by our own power
 - the only thing significant about these Galilean fisherman: Jesus
 - The miracle was not by our own piety
 - the only thing pleasing about their worship: Jesus' sacrifice
 - The miraculous isn't meant to glorify the follower who is weak

-Peter Bears Witness to the Works of the Father

(v. 13-15)

¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴ But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.

-The God of our fathers glorified the one you gave over

-The **Servant** you rejected has been glorified

-The Messiah is Suffering Servant of Isaiah

-This **Jesus** you delivered over was your **Deliverer**

-The Messiah whose name is "The Lord is Salvation"

-This **Holy & Righteous One** you disowned before Pilate

-Judged without fault but traded for a known murderer

-This **Prince of Life** you put to death but God raised from the dead

-Peter Bears Witness to the Worth of Faith

(v. 16)

¹⁶ And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

-On the Basis of Faith in His Name

-The Faith of Peter & John to recognize God at work & offer healing

-The Faith of the man to recognize God at work & believe

-The Name of Jesus Has Power

-Not as an incantation or spell

-“His Name” refers to the scope of His Mission & Ministry

-The Faith which comes through Him