



Decade of Availability Prophetic Healing

Church: *Being to others
What He has been to us!*

The Church as it was meant to be in Acts is made up of people who were led of the Spirit.

Introduction to ‘prophetic’ healing: We are using the term ‘prophetic’ to mean spontaneous, Spirit led action or speech that brings God into a person’s life. According to Acts 2:17-18 this activity of the Spirit is for all believers.

A. What I Have I Give Acts 3:1-6 (Message 1)

1. Peter and John: v. 1 For the first few years the Church continued to live a Jewish lifestyle including observing the feasts and daily-weekly worship and prayer.

2. The lame man: vv. 2-3 His condition had become a way of life for him. He was a beggar which was the only way he could probably earn any income.

- Is this beggar analogous to our homeless beggars?
- Holding a sign and asking for alms—same thing?
- Did Jesus have an address? Was He homeless?

3. Spirit led prophetic event? v. 4 As far as we know, this lame man was a **stranger** to Peter and John. He’s like the many strangers we walk by everyday. Some hold signs some don’t. But everyone has a need.

-Peter ‘fixed’ his eyes on the lame man. I believe that the Holy Spirit spoke to Peter and he stopped dead in his tracks and fixed his eyes on the man.

4. What do you have to give? Vv. 5-6 When the Spirit leads us to pray or talk to someone we need to have a sense of what we have to give! (See Luke 4:18 for our mission.)

(1) Prayer: This is ‘prophetic’ prayer where the prayer speaks something of God into a life.

(2) Love: This might be taking time to hear their story and caring for them as the Good Samaritan did.

(3) Money: Giving to the poor and those in need is a command of scripture. Luke 14:14; 18:22 Prov 28:27

(4) The Gospel: Here’s the meta-narrative of the Bible which you might want to memorize:

“All scripture has one foundational purpose; to communicate that God Almighty is on a mission to rescue humanity from their idolatrous and fallen condition.”

5. In the Name of Jesus: v. 6 The key here is that this is a ‘prophetic’ challenge not a declaration. The challenge is for the lame man to put his faith in the Name of Jesus.

-When we pray for people we need to point them to Jesus. He is the one who can and will meet all of their needs. More on this in the next message.

B. The Power of His Name Acts 3:7-11 (Message 2)

C. The Cross and the Tomb Acts 3:11-16 (Message 3)

Acts 3:1-16 (NKJV)

1 Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. **2** And 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; **3** who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. **4** And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” **5** So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6** Then 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.”

7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. **8** So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God. **10** Then 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. **11** 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.

12 So 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? **13** 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. **14** But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, **15** and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. **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.