



A Systematic Expository Study of the Word of God

Study 6: **THE SUPERNATURAL POWER IN JESUS' NAME** **Acts 3:1-26**

This chapter reveals the power and authority of the Name of Jesus. ***"In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he leaping up stood, and walked."*** ***"And His Name through faith in His Name hath made this man strong... yea, hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."*** The Apostles and disciples who were recently baptized in the Spirit made new discovery: the Name of Jesus, who was crucified, who died and was buried, who rose from the dead, who ascended to heaven, who is now exalted and glorified, now has equal power and authority to the power and authority that He, Himself exercised when He was on earth. That Name, the exalted Name, the glorified, the mighty and powerful Name, the conquering Name, the wonderful Name, the great Name of Jesus, recognized in heaven and on earth, can save and transform sinners, heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, deliver the oppressed, move mountains, overcome Satan and produce every desirable miracle.

The Name of Jesus in the heart and mouth of every true believer works miracles. God is a miracle worker. Jesus, Himself, is a miracle - from His conception to His coronation, everything about Him is a miracle. His supernatural Name has been given to all believers in all generations to work miracles and lead sinners to the Lord and Saviour. The Name of Jesus lifts every believer to the realm of the supernatural.

THE PREVAILING POWER OF HIS WONDER-WORKING NAME

Acts 3:1-10; 4:7-12; 14:8-10; 16:16-18; 19:13-16; Luke 10:17-20; John 14:12-14; 15:16; 16:23,24; Ephesians 1:20-22; Philippians 2:9-11; Mark 16:17,18.

"Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer." The apostles, though leaders, went to the prayer meeting at 3pm. At the gate of the temple, they saw a helpless, hopeless man who was lame from birth. Instead of writing him off as a helpless, hopeless, unfortunate wretch, they saw him as one in whom the mighty power of God might be demonstrated. The human race is like this poor, hopeless, lame man, with no standing before God. They stumble and fall through life. The very best person in the world, outside of Christ, is a hopeless spiritual cripple; born that way, each man is a spiritual beggar. The impotent man lay at the gorgeous gate of a dead religion, a proud religion that could do nothing to help or transform him.

"Look on us", said Peter, to redirect the beggar's thoughts from his rags and from his religion to the Redeemer. The man wanted money but what he needed was a miracle. ***"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."*** The mighty Name of Jesus set him free. He was no longer chained to charity. He received a miracle, he walked and leaped. As he praised God, he followed them into the temple, to the place of fellowship and prayer. That is always a good sign of a life touched and transformed by the Name of Jesus. This man who had been carried to the gate of the temple every day was a familiar sight. All the people knew him. They could not deny that a mighty miracle had taken place.

THE PASSIONATE PLEA IN HIS WONDERFUL NAME

Acts 3:11-18; 2:22-24,32,36; 13:30-39; Luke 24:26,27,44; 1 Corinthians 2:8; Ephesians 1:19-21; John 1:12; 20:31; 1 John 5:11-13; Acts 16:31.

"All the people ran together" when they saw the lame man ***"walking and leaping and praising God"***. Their amazement and wonder brought them from different parts of the temple and provided the opportunity for Peter to preach to them. Peter first diverted the attention of the people from the healed man and from the Apostles. The explanation of the miracle was not to be found in any of them. The true Source and Author of the miracle was Jesus. The Name of Jesus had healed the man, proving that the risen Christ was still alive in heaven exalted, honoured and glorified by God. Jesus, the One they had denied and crucified, had been raised from the dead and given a Name above all names on earth and in heaven.

The same mighty Name that healed the lame man gave holy boldness to Peter. Peter's boldness was remarkable as he charged the people that (1) "**delivered up**" Jesus to the Gentiles for trials, (2) "**denied Him in the presence of Pilate**", (3) "**denied the Holy One and the Just**", (4) "**killed the Prince of life**". This Jesus, God raised up and glorified. His glorious Name has now been given for our salvation, justification, redemption, healing, deliverance, sanctification, power and spiritual strength. These sinners who denied and crucified Jesus were guilty and must repent to be reconciled to God. Christ now offered Himself to them as Lord and Saviour.

THE PRESCRIBED PREACHING IN HIS WORTHY NAME

Acts 3:19-26; Luke 24:46,47; Acts 5:30,31; 17:30,31; 20:20,21,26,27; 26:16-20; Revelation 2:4,5,20-26; 3:1-3, 17-22; James 5:19,20; Matthew 18:3; Psalm 51:6-13; Deuteronomy 18:15-19.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted". After revealing the great evil of their sins to them, they were called to repentance. For their repentance to be meaningful and acceptable, there must be a definite change of mind concerning their sins, a practical turning away from their sins, a decisive separation from sinners with whom they sinned, a hatred for all sins and a whole-hearted faith and trust in Christ as Saviour and Lord. Christ had commanded that repentance be preached in His Name, by His authority, as He preached it, following His example, emphasizing conversion – bringing forth fruit meet for repentance, that is, definite proof and evidence of repentance.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord". The "**restitution** (restoration) **of all things**" is also promised if there is genuine repentance. As for the nation of Israel, so also for the individual: no repentance, no refreshing; no repentance, no restoration of all things. True repentance before God and faith in Christ will grant us remission (Luke 24:47), regeneration (Titus 3:5), reconciliation (Ephesians 2:14-16), redemption (Ephesians 1:7), refreshing (Acts 3:19), resurrection (Colossians 3:1-4), righteousness (Romans 10:9,10).

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