

The healing of the Lame Man at the Beautiful Gate

God's delays are to provide “The Best”, not merely “the good”

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer.

Hebrews 7:27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for ~~His~~ **his** own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

2 And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the **temple gate**, ~~of the temple~~ which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. 

Acts 4:22 for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

Ephesians 2:2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working ~~in the sons of disobedience~~ **within those who by nature do not listen** {i.e., to God}.

Ephesians 4:17 you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind

Acts 3:3-5 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms. But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, "Look at us!" And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6-7 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene-walk!" And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened {literally, “fused”}.

8 With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally then, ~~brethren~~ **brothers and sisters**, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ~~ought to~~ **are required to** walk {i.e. live} and please God ~~(just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more-~~ (just as you actually **are walking**) that you **abound** {i.e. have} **even more**.

9-10 And all the people saw him walking and praising God; and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement {literally, “they were out of their minds”} at what had happened to him.

Isaiah 4:2 In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace and brings good news of happiness, who announces salvation

Psalms 16:6 Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

- 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.
- 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?"
- 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.
- 19-20 Therefore repent {i.e., change your mind} and ~~return~~ **turn around** so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you

Ezekiel 37:1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones.

2 He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo {i.e., wow}, they were very dry.

4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.'

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet

Acts 4:1-3 As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.

4 But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.