

LIVING WITH PURPOSE

MINISTRY OF HEALING

CAN THIS HEAL A HEADACHE?



THIS CAN



- WE HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH A MINISTRY OF HEALING
- NOBODY WILL GET HEALED IF WE DON'T USE IT
- ACTS 3:1-10 INTRODUCES US TO OUR HEALING MINISTRY
 - FIRST MIRACLE RECORDED IN ACTS
 - FIRST MIRACLE AFTER ASCENSION OF CHRIST
 - FIRST MIRACLE AFTER GIVING OF HOLY SPIRIT

THE TIMING OF THE MIRACLE

- ^{ESV} **ACTS 3:1** NOW PETER AND JOHN WERE GOING UP TO THE TEMPLE AT THE HOUR OF PRAYER, THE NINTH HOUR.
 - 3:00 PM, TIME OF EVENING SACRIFICE
 - ONE OF THREE DAILY PRAYER GATHERINGS (3RD, 6TH, 9TH HOURS)
 - ^{NAS} **DANIEL 6:10** ... DANIEL ...CONTINUED KNEELING ON HIS KNEES THREE TIMES A DAY, PRAYING AND GIVING THANKS BEFORE HIS GOD
 - ^{KJV} **PSALM 55:17** EVENING, AND MORNING, AND AT NOON, WILL I PRAY, AND CRY ALOUD: AND HE SHALL HEAR MY VOICE.

- THE TEMPLE WAS CROWDED WHEN THE MIRACLE TOOK PLACE

THE LOCATION OF THE MIRACLE

- ^{ESV} **ACTS 3:1** NOW PETER AND JOHN WERE GOING UP TO THE TEMPLE AT THE HOUR OF PRAYER, THE NINTH HOUR.
- THE TEMPLE;
 - SYMBOLIZED PRESENCE OF GOD AMONG PEOPLE
 - PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WENT TO MEET WITH GOD
 - PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WENT TO WORSHIP GOD
 - PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WENT TO SEEK FORGIVENESS
 - PLACE WHERE PEOPLE WENT TO SEEK HEALING
- THE HEALING;
 - *OUTSIDE* OF THE TEMPLE

- THE PHYSICAL TEMPLE HAS BEEN REPLACED BY THE CHURCH
 - ^{ESV} **1 CORINTHIANS 3:16** DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE AND THAT GOD'S SPIRIT DWELLS IN YOU?
 - ^{ESV} **EPHESIANS 2:20** BUILT ON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CORNERSTONE, ²¹ IN WHOM THE WHOLE STRUCTURE, BEING JOINED TOGETHER, GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD. ²² IN HIM YOU ALSO ARE BEING BUILT TOGETHER INTO A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD BY THE SPIRIT.

- THE TEMPLE;

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- THE CHURCH;

- TRUE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD
- MYSTICAL UNION OF PEOPLE WITH GOD IN CHRIST
- WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH
- ENTRUSTED WITH KEYS TO KINGDOM
- ENTRUSTED WITH MINISTRY OF HEALING

THE SUBJECT OF THE MIRACLE

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 3:2** AND A CERTAIN MAN WHO HAD BEEN LAME FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB WAS BEING CARRIED ALONG, WHOM THEY USED TO SET DOWN EVERY DAY AT THE GATE OF THE TEMPLE WHICH IS CALLED BEAUTIFUL, IN ORDER TO BEG ALMS OF THOSE WHO WERE ENTERING THE TEMPLE.

- REMINISCENT OF A CERTAIN HEALING BY JESUS

- ^{NAS} **JOHN 9:1** AND AS HE PASSED BY, HE SAW A MAN BLIND FROM BIRTH. ² AND HIS DISCIPLES ASKED HIM, SAYING, "RABBI, WHO SINNED, THIS MAN OR HIS PARENTS, THAT HE SHOULD BE BORN BLIND?" ³ JESUS ANSWERED, "*IT WAS NEITHER THAT THIS MAN SINNED, NOR HIS PARENTS; BUT IT WAS IN ORDER THAT THE WORKS OF GOD MIGHT BE DISPLAYED IN HIM.*"





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- THERE WAS NO FAKING THIS MIRACLE
 - MAN WAS BORN CRIPPLED
 - EVERYBODY WHO REGULARLY ATTENDED THE TEMPLE KNEW WHO HE WAS

THE MIRACLE

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 3:4** AND PETER, ALONG WITH JOHN, FIXED HIS GAZE UPON HIM AND SAID, "LOOK AT US!"
- ^{NAS} **ACTS 3:6** 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!" ⁷ AND SEIZING HIM BY THE RIGHT HAND, HE RAISED HIM UP; AND IMMEDIATELY HIS FEET AND HIS ANKLES WERE STRENGTHENED.

THE RESULT OF THE MIRACLE

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 3:8** AND WITH A LEAP, HE STOOD UPRIGHT AND *BEGAN TO WALK*; AND HE ENTERED THE TEMPLE WITH THEM, WALKING AND LEAPING AND PRAISING GOD.
 - PHYSICAL HEALING
 - SPIRITUAL HEALING

THE RESPONSE TO THE MIRACLE

- ^{NAS} **ACTS 3:9** AND ALL THE PEOPLE SAW HIM WALKING AND PRAISING GOD; ¹⁰ 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 AT WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM.
 - RESULTED IN WIDESPREAD WORSHIP OF GOD

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MIRACLE

- THIS AUTHENTICATED THE MESSAGE AND MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLES
 - ^{NAS} **LUKE 5:23** "WHICH IS EASIER, TO SAY, 'YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN YOU,' OR TO SAY, 'RISE AND WALK '¿²⁴ "BUT IN ORDER THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS,"-- HE SAID TO THE PARALYTIC-- "I SAY TO YOU, RISE, AND TAKE UP YOUR STRETCHER AND GO HOME."

THE KINGDOM IS HERE

- ^{ESV} **ACTS 3:8** AND LEAPING UP HE STOOD AND BEGAN TO WALK, AND ENTERED THE TEMPLE WITH THEM, WALKING AND LEAPING AND *PRAISING GOD*.
- ^{NAS} **ISAIAH 35:6** THEN THE LAME WILL LEAP LIKE A DEER, AND *THE TONGUE OF THE DUMB WILL SHOUT FOR JOY*. FOR WATERS WILL BREAK FORTH IN THE WILDERNESS AND STREAMS IN THE ARABAH

- JESUS BOUGHT US COMPLETE HEALING, PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL WHICH WE RECEIVE IN PART NOW AND FULLY WHEN HE RETURNS
 - ^{ESV} **ISAIAH 53:5** BUT HE WAS WOUNDED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS; HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; UPON HIM WAS THE CHASTISEMENT THAT BROUGHT US PEACE, AND WITH HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.
 - ^{ESV} **ISAIAH 35:10** AND THE RANSOMED OF THE LORD SHALL RETURN AND COME TO ZION WITH SINGING; EVERLASTING JOY SHALL BE UPON THEIR HEADS; THEY SHALL OBTAIN GLADNESS AND JOY, AND SORROW AND SIGHING SHALL FLEE AWAY.



CONCLUSIONS

THIS GIVES US HOPE

- ^{ESV} **REVELATION 21:4** HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES, AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING, NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE, FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY."

HEALING IS A SPIRITUAL GIFT

- ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 12:9** TO ANOTHER FAITH BY THE SAME SPIRIT, AND TO ANOTHER GIFTS OF HEALING BY THE ONE SPIRIT,
- ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 12:28** AND GOD HAS APPOINTED IN THE CHURCH, FIRST APOSTLES, SECOND PROPHETS, THIRD TEACHERS, THEN MIRACLES, THEN GIFTS OF HEALINGS, HELPS, ADMINISTRATIONS, *VARIOUS* KINDS OF TONGUES.

WHY CAN'T WE HEAL OTHERS?

- WE DON'T HAVE THE FAITH TO TRY
 - ^{NAS} **MATTHEW 17:20** AND HE SAID TO THEM, "BECAUSE OF THE LITTLENESS OF YOUR FAITH; FOR TRULY I SAY TO YOU, IF YOU HAVE FAITH AS A MUSTARD SEED, YOU SHALL SAY TO THIS MOUNTAIN, 'MOVE FROM HERE TO THERE,' AND IT SHALL MOVE; AND NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO YOU.
- IT'S NOT OUR SPIRITUAL GIFT
 - ^{NAS} **1 CORINTHIANS 12:30** ALL DO NOT HAVE GIFTS OF HEALINGS, DO THEY? ...

SPIRITUAL HEALING MINISTRY

- EVEN IF WE CAN'T ALL BRING PHYSICAL HEALING, WE CAN ALL BRING SPIRITUAL HEALING
 - ^{NAS} **JAMES 5:20** LET HIM KNOW THAT HE WHO TURNS A SINNER FROM THE ERROR OF HIS WAY WILL SAVE HIS SOUL FROM DEATH, AND WILL COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS.
 - ^{NAS} **1 THESSALONIANS 5:11** THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER, AND BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS YOU ALSO ARE DOING.

- SOME TIMES I FEEL DISCOURAGED,
AND THINK MY WORK'S IN VAIN,
BUT THEN THE HOLY SPIRIT
REVIVES MY SOUL AGAIN.
- IF YOU CAN'T PREACH LIKE PETER,
IF YOU CAN'T PRAY LIKE PAUL,
JUST TELL THE LOVE OF JESUS,
AND SAY HE DIED FOR ALL.
- THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD
TO MAKE THE WOUNDED WHOLE;
THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD
TO HEAL THE SIN SICK SOUL.