

New Mount Moriah AMEC

Bible- Study, 25 March 2025

Acts 3:1-11 (NKJV)

Introduction: Last week, we discussed the qualities of the early church and its daily life that should cause members of New Mount Moriah and other churches to examine themselves. Tonight, we will discuss the first recorded miracle in the early church. The miracles were the continued ministry of Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Lesson outline:

Vs. 1-5 The Hour of Prayer

Vs. 6-8 In the Name of Jesus

Vs. 9-11 Praising God

Lesson Review:

Vs. 1-5 **The Hour of Prayer:** Prayer was held in the temple three times a day, Nine, Twelve, and Three (the ninth hour is 3 p.m.). Psalm 55:17 reads, "*Evening and morning and noon I will pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice.*"

- **Alms** are a charitable donation of money.
- Please provide your opinion of the lame man's mental state after being in his condition for forty years.
- **Fastening his eyes** (atenisas) means fixed attention, an earnest, intense gaze, and continuous, steadfast attention.

By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Peter and John's voice, feet, and hands became instruments for Jesus to be glorified. Who do we glorify with our voices, feet, and hands?

Critical Thinking: What did Jesus mean when He said, "It is written, My house should be called a house of prayer (Matthew 21:13b)."

Additional insight: Romans 15:1

Galatians 6:2

Vs. 6-8 **In the Name of Jesus:** To call upon someone's **name** is to call upon their authority, power, office, nature, and character. **The Complete Jewish Study Bible** states, "His

name (Jesus) is not a magic word. It's not just a name, but also everything that the named individual is and represents." What does your name represent when someone hears or calls your name?

What Peter and John had (*The Holy Spirit*) was more valuable than the silver and gold they did not have. The **Holy Spirit** is a gift given by God for His glory! He empowers and leads us to work in God's Kingdom. *

Critical Thinking: Is it vital for us to understand the needs of people even when they do not?

- Those whom God heals must praise Him for their healing. Please also note that the lame man was immediately healed. His feet and ankle bones received strength; rehab was not required!

Additional insight: John 14:12-33

*Acts 1:8

Vs. 9-11 **Praising God:** Our praise and walk draws the attention of others for the glory of God. Those who know our past physical or mental conditions witness the power of God in our lives. We are called not to hold on to the Peters or Johns in our lives but Jesus!

Critical Thinking: What is the purpose of the miracle performed by Peter and John?

Additional insight: Psalm 66:16

Isaiah 63:7