

POWER OF GOD IN HEALING AND DELIVERANCE

Act 3:11-16 KJV 11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. 12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. 16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

The account actually started from verse 1. The Bible says that Peter and John were going into the temple at the hour of prayer which corresponds to our own 3pm. The Jews had three prayer times, the 3rd, 6th and 9th hours of prayer.

Even though it was an hour of prayer but it turned out to be hour miracle and healing for someone, as we pray this morning, it shall be an hour of healing for you, hour of miracle, hour of deliverance and an hour of breakthrough in Jesus name.

The Bible says there was a lame man at the beautiful gate who was described as being lame from his mother's womb. He never used his legs, he was born like that. It was not because of an accident or polio but he was born that way. There are many people here that their problems in life started from conception, the devil has torched many people but after this prayer there shall be solutions, there shall be reordering in Jesus name.

Can i pray for pregnant sisters and awaiting mothers here, every arrow targeted in your direction shall backfire in Jesus name.

There are also many people that are lame in life, when others are running they can't, they are more or less paralysed in life, their business has become lamed, marriage lamed but by this encounter, there shall be divine release in Jesus name.

Whatever has crippled anyone's life and business shall let go in Jesus name.

The lame man was set there every day by his friends or family members to ask for alms and begged people since he has been incapacitated, can i pray for you whatever the devil is using to incapacitate you in life shall be broken this weekend in Jesus name. Every yoke of begging,

begging to live, begging to pay rent, begging to meet needs in life is destroyed now in Jesus name.

When Peter and John were passing by, the man asked alms as usual from them not knowing that these are agents of change and helpers in life. I pray for you whoever God will use for you to help you, to change your story, may them come in contact with you in Jesus name.

The man was at the right place at the right time, the day of your miracle may your seat not be vacant in Jesus name.

I believe you know the story, he asked for alms and when Peter told him to look on them the Bible says he gave heed unto them

Act 3:5 KJV And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

He was expecting something. One of the things that changes a man's life when they come to a gathering like this is to be expectant and to anticipate. Whenever expectation meets anointing miracle is the answer your miracle is taking place this weekend in Jesus name. I employ you to come everyday with great expectation to these meetings, come with the heart to receive. The Bible says the expectation of the righteous shall not be cut off

Of course the man would likely be disappointed when Peter told him silver and gold he doesn't have but he had something. You and I have something. There are some Christian who will never believe they have anything at all.

Many will say I don't have any power, I don't have faith.

But we have something that can change our lives and change the lives of people around us. We are called to help people. Say I have something. Say neighbour i have got something for you that can change your life, help you and turn your life around. Amen.

This is the focus of my message this morning because our coming is not only to receive healing and deliverance but to equip us with the tools and knowledge that will help us undo the works of the devils in the life of people.

What was it that Peter said he has for the man that is more than silver and gold the man was expecting? Peter told the man, in the name of Jesus rise up and walk

Act 3:6 KJV Then Peter said, 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.

And the man by the help of Peter got up and started walking, leaping up and down, the same man that had been sitting in one position for forty years, the man that everyone knows as the

beggar, he is now leaping, few moments ago, he was sitting down but just now he got up, after this meeting, you will rise again, your body will come up again, your life will change again.

Now when people saw what happened to the man, they were shocked and wondering at both Peter and John. They looked at them as some special beings. They were wondering who these people could be? they must have some special human power, they must be very holy, maybe they have been fasting for 40 days and night or they must be very religious people, there is something about them. These and many thoughts were going on in the mind of the folks.

It is the same thing with us today when we see healing or miracles. We tend to focus our attention on the people and have an impression of people that have God's emergency number 911. Most holy people but in verse 12 Peter said something that shocked them

Act 3:12 KJV And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

Peter answered two questions. He asked them why they were marveling at the man and what had happened to him. I mean it shouldn't be a thing of surprise unto you people. When Jesus was around HE did miracles.

When we see healings and miracles or demonstration of power, we shouldn't be surprised. But we should be surprised if nothing is happening.

They were looking at Peter and John as some special holy being, Peter removed that impression from them that it is not by their power or goodness that has made the lame man whole.

You see many Christians are not able to receive from God because they are putting their trust in their goodness and self-righteousness. They sometimes query God what is this thing happening to me? Why have I not received my blessings from God? After all I pay my tithe, I come to Church every week, I participated in evangelism, I am serving in the choir. So why me?

And for some people that God uses they think that it is because of their fasting and prayer, their knowledge of the word or certain ability or charisma, but here Peter made us to know that none of those things could be responsible for healing.

Tit 3:5 KJV Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

lesson

We don't get what we deserve because we can not merit it

We receive from God because of His grace

So what made the man walk if not their power or goodness? This is what Peter says in verse 16

Act 3:16 KJV And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Peter said it was His name, that is Jesus' name that made the man whole. He said it was faith in the name of Jesus. and that the faith is even by Jesus.

Rom 10:17 says that faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God. Some other translations say the message of Christ.

Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith

In order word the power that made the man to be healed is inherent in the name of Jesus. The name of Jesus carries enough power and ability to make healing possible and mere calling of the name does nothing, just calling the name at random will not produce the desired results. How do I know that?

In Act 19:14 seven sons of Sceva tried to do something similar but the man that was possessed leaped on them and beat them to stupor, May you not be disgraced in Jesus name.

Peter said it was faith in the name of Jesus that caused the power to be released.

Of course it was not the faith of the lame man, he had none, he had conditioned his mind to be a beggar, even when Peter said rise up and walk, he was still sitting down

I will come back to the issue of faith.

What made the name of Jesus so powerful that healing can be released from his name? What is in the name? How did Jesus come about that very name that carries so much authority and ability? If you don't know this you will not place so much value on it and it will not produce for you. Faith is tied to knowledge. What you don't know you can't have faith in.

HOW JESUS GOT HIS NAME

1. HE GOT IT BY INHERITANCE

Heb 1:1-4 KJV 1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his

power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Heb 1:8 KJV But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

The author of the book of the Hebrew set the record straight that Jesus is superior to all the angels. God calls Jesus THE SON OF GOD. where the Bible refers to the angel as sons of God in Gen and in the book of Job. Even we are called sons of God but it is only Jesus that has that article attached to his own, He is THE Son of God, we became sons of God by adoption but have it by inheritance.

2. He got it by conquest

When He arose from the grave and that was what constitute what we are celebrating this weekend, he told the disciples in Mt 28: 17-18

Mat 28:18 KJV And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

When you read Luke 4, Satan told Jesus that if he bow and worship him he will give him all that whole world because they were delivered unto him.

Luk 4:6 KJV And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

He says in Rev, I have the keys of hades and hell, how did he get it and where?

That was done in Gen 3 when Adam committed treason. He handed over the authority to Satan.

But when Jesus went into the grave he took over the authority.

Col 2:15 KJV And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

The Greek word they used for "spoiled" there is "apekduomai" and it means: Phonetic: ap-ek-doo'-om-ahee: wholly put off from one's self, denoting separation from what is put off, wholly to strip off for one's self (for one's own advantage), despoil, disarm

Jesus won the victory, he led captivity captive like Roman conqueror

Actually He never needed it because He was God but for our sakes he became like one of us took up human flesh. so now all authority in both heaven, earth and hell has been given to him.

So when he said to the disciples in Chapter 28 that all authority has been given to me, he said something strange

Mat 28:19 KJV Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

When you see "therefore" just take a look at what is there before now, in order word when he says go ye therefore, he was saying based on the fact that all authority has been given unto me, go in my authority.

Heb 2:14-15 KJV 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

What is that "authority" the word that King James used for power there is not actually power, it is "exousia," power is dunamis while authority is exousia.

The authority of his name is what they are talking about, It used to be an authority of Adam which Satan took, now it is an authority of his name.

Everything they were doing in His name was on credit before, just looking forward to the time of cross

You will remember when he sent them out to heal and preach, he gave them power. What was the power that he gave to them, it was not anointing oil, handkerchief, holy water but the ability to use his name. He got that name through conquest when he defeated the devil.

Luke 9: 1, Mk 6: 7 & Mt 10: 1 in all the places it was exousia that he gave them except Luke that says he gave them power and authority.

Luk 10:19 KJV Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

The first "power" in that text is exousia while the second is dunamis. He gave them authority over all the abilities of the devil.

I say what is that authority? It was authority to act in his capacity, authority to use his name. It is what they call power of attorney. That whatever they do, it is accepted as if he was the one doing it.

The disciples acted based on his name. When the 70 disciples came back they said something.

Luke 10:17 KJV And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

Luke 10:17 NLT When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, "Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!"

When you read it in New living translation, it says when we use your name.

They saw one fellow that was not among them using the name of Jesus

Mar 9:38 KJV And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us.

THE NAME OF JESUS HAS BECOME AN IMPLEMENT, a tool we use

3. How did he get His name? he got it as an award

Phi 2:8-11 KJV 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God gave him the name as an award for what he did for mankind. He invested all power and authority in that name. That at the mention of the name, every being in heaven, earth, beneath and everywhere submit to it.

The name of Jesus has become a gift to us. But it doesn't just work like a magic wand. Peter told us the secret in his answer to those people, he said it was faith in his name that produces the healing. It was faith that caused the power inherent to be released. The name carries power all the time but it is faith that causes it to be released and produce results that they saw.

WHAT IS FAITH?

It was a combination of grace and faith that made the man to be whole. Grace is what God has done through the atonement of the Lord Jesus.

Faith is not what we do to make God do something for us. Some people think if I fast enough, pray, give tithe , sow seed, serve in the church, all these things are good and there is nothing wrong in them but they don't release the power.

Grace is what God has done and they are independent of us. It is commonly defined as an unmerited favour but it is much more than that. Grace is the willingness of God to use His ability and power on our behalf even though we don't deserve it.

Eph 2:8 KJV For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Faith is trusting God that He will do what He says he will do

Faith is our positive response to what God through Christ has done

Faith is putting trust in what Christ has done by grace independent of us

Faith is appropriating what God has done through Jesus by grace.

In order word when we put faith not in ourselves or goodness or holiness or righteousness to receive favour from God but when we put faith in Christ has already done through the atonement and sacrifice on the cross, then the power is released.

You draw the power with faith. The woman with the issue of blood drew power out of Jesus by her faith. Jesus said your faith has made you whole. That is your faith in my ability and willingness. She got it on credit.

Mat 9:22 KJV But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

When faith is not there then the power is limited. Jesus went to his own home town but he could not perform much

Mar 6:5-6 KJV 5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. 6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.

The disciples could not cast out the demons in that boy because of unbelief. Some are teaching that it is because of fasting and prayers, so they engage in long fasting. It's ok to fast and pray but I tell you the demons don't respond to anything other than the name of Jesus.

Mat 17:20 KJV And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

Faith in the finished work of redemption releases the power inherent in the name of Jesus. It is a done deal.

OUR HEALING IS A DONE DEAL.

When they arrested Jesus, they bound him like a common criminal so that you and I will never be in any bondage. But if today you find yourself being oppressed, you are harassed in the dream, they are pursuing you in the dream, life is generally difficult, you are managing your health, you virtually live on tablets, Jesus Paid the price for all these. 1Pet 2:24 says by his stripes we were healed.

1Pe 2:24 KJV Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Isa 53:5 KJV But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isiah said the same thing in Is 53: 4 but he was looking forward to what will be done but Peter said it is already a done deal.

Ladies and gentlemen, under the New Covenant, we are not the sick begging for healing but we are the healed of the Lord that the devil is trying to steal what belongs to us. Healing is ours.

We have been made free by the blood of Jesus the devil is just trying to transgress. All we need to do is to see our sickness on the body of Jesus. Isaiah 53: 10

Isa 53:10 KJV Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

The phrase "he hath put him to grief" means he was made sick with our sickness in Greek.

JESUS BORNE YOUR SICKNESS and diseases, you don't have to be sick. and you don't have to bear them And if you are sick, faith in His name will heal you.

Isa 53:4 KJV Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Jas 5:14 KJV Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

He said if you are sick, call for the elders and let them pray over you, the prayer of faith will heal the sick. You could be healed. There is power in the name of Jesus to set the captives free. If you are in the captivity of Satan through sin, oppression, family curses, Jesus died to set us free.

