

Study of Acts 3
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Acts 3:1-26

Verse 1 doesn't seem like a very important statement and yet it is very important in that it tells us that at least Peter and John were still going to the Temple for daily prayer. That is very strong evidence that they are obeying the Torah of Moses for the daily prayer at the ninth hour **IS** when they sacrificed the daily offering—the Tamid offering that was commanded by YHVH in *Exodus 29:31-39*.

If they had been taught that somehow the sacrificial system was done away with, then why would they go to the Temple at the time of the Tamid offering? As a matter of fact, why would they go to the Temple at all, **IF** they were teaching that the Torah, the Law of YHVH was somehow done away with? No my friends, this to me **IS** just further proof that **ALL** of the Apostles were **NOT ONLY** Torah observant, **BUT** that they were also very zealous for the Torah **AND** that they offered sacrifices on the altar as prescribed by the Torah of Moses until they were banned from the Temple.

Verse 2 starts with the words, *a certain man*. That phrase is used *twenty two* times in Scripture and it always seems to have a good lesson attached to it. The number twenty two in Scripture speaks of Light, because there are twenty two letters in the Hebrew Alphabet which make up the Words of YHVH and Scripture tells us that the Word of YHVH became flesh and dwelt among us and that He **IS** the Light of the World. I have given you a list of these verses for you to check it out for yourselves: *Genesis 37:15; Judges 13:2; Ruth 1:1; 1 Samuel 1:1, 21:7; 2 Samuel 18:19; 1 Kings 20:34, 22:34; 2 Chronicles 18:33, Daniel 10:5; Matthew 17:14, 32:28; Mark 12:1; Luke 8:27, 9:57, 10:30, 13:6, 14:2 and 16, 15:11, and 20:9; John 5:5, 11:1; Acts 3:2, 5:1, 8:9, 9:33, 10:1, 14:8, 18:7, 19:24, and 24:14.*

This *certain man* was at one of the temple gates that is called *Beautiful*, and he was a beggar who was asking for alms from those that would enter the Temple. This man was lame from birth and had no other way of making a living, except to beg for alms. When he saw Peter and John enter the Temple, he asked for alms (money).

Now before I go any further, how many of you have been taught by the so-called prosperity teachers that the Apostles were rich men? Well, this verse should help to clarify how much money they had. Peter says, **GOLD AND SILVER HAVE I NONE**. I hope that puts Peter's financial status in proper perspective in your mind.

Peter goes on to say, *But such as I have, I give you*. What did Peter mean by this statement, *such as I have, I give you*? And then he goes on and says, *in the name of Yeshua, Messiah, RISE UP AND WALK*. Again, I ask you, what did Peter mean when he said, *such as I have I give you*? What did Peter have, that he gave to *this certain man*?

Peter demonstrated his *faith* by saying, *in the name of Yeshua Messiah, rise up and walk*. How many of **US** would **DARE** make that statement in public today and know beyond a shadow of a doubt that YHVH would **DO** through us, what He **DID** through Peter? I know that I am not at that stage yet, but I

know and believe that it is possible, **IF ONLY** I can learn to decrease self so that YHVH may increase in my life.

Peter gave that certain man and through that man, he gave us an example of what **TRUE FAITH, TRUE BELIEF IS.**

Matthew 17:20 For verily I say unto you, IF you have faith or belief AS a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place and it shall remove and nothing shall be impossible for you. Once Peter said the words in the name of Yeshua Messiah, rise up and walk, this certain man lept up and stood and began to walk, and then he entered the temple with Peter and John.

I know I must sound like a broken record at times, but we have to realize that Messiah **IS** the *Living Word* of the Father. He is the Living Torah. So when Peter said those words, *in the name of Yeshua Messiah*, what he was truly saying **IS**, in the Name of the Everlasting Living Word of our Heavenly Father, His Torah of Life, **RISE UP AND WALK!**

The Word of YHVH **IS** the Healer and **IF** we can just make that connection in our minds and in our hearts that Jesus or Yeshua, whatever name you choose to call Him, **IS** the Living Word of the Father, then our understanding of what Messiah **CAME TO DO** will completely change and line up with the Words of the Father.

Messiah came to earth to fulfil His role as the Torah obedient Son of our heavenly Father, fully determined **TO OBEY and DO** the Father's **WILL**. He was tempted as all of us are tempted, **BUT UNLIKE US**, He chose **NOT TO SIN**. The Scriptures tell us that our Heavenly Father cannot be tempted, so **IF** Messiah was tempted that means that in His fleshly state, when He was here on earth with us, **HE WAS LIKE US**, which means that He had put His deity aside somehow, because of His great love for us. He was fully man as you and I are. As far as I am concerned **THAT** magnifies His selfless sacrifice for me to such an incredible level, that I cannot fully express my gratitude in mere words. It is hard for me to get my head around the **FACT** that the Elohim of the universe **ACTUALLY** set aside His deity so that He could come and experience His creation and **SHOW US THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO LIVE A SINLESS LIFE**. What a great and awesome Elohim we serve!

Verse 7 says that Peter took him, that *certain man* by the right hand and lifted him up. My friends, that is what we are to do. We are to live our lives in such a way that we exude the life of Messiah, and as Messiah **IS** the right arm of the Father, so too are we to stand in the true Word of YHVH, and help those we come in contact with to be healed of the devastating destructive effects that the **DOCTRINE OF MEN** has on people.

We are told that this *certain man* lept up and stood restored. This means that he was filled with joy! He must have felt blessed and purified, for what is the first thing that they do? Remember there are no idle words in the Scripture. The first thing they do **IS** enter the Temple and the very next thing they do **IS WORSHIP ELOHIM**.

Now **IF** the Law, the Torah of YHVH had somehow really been done away with, and we were no longer to go into the Temple of YHVH, which represents all things that are supposed to have been done away with, according to the church fathers, wouldn't this have been **THE PERFECT PLACE** for Peter to gather people outside the Temple, for this man was healed outside of the Temple door, and say, YHVH **DOES NOT WANT US TO FOLLOW THOSE OLD LAWS ANYMORE?**

But as you can see that **IS NOT WHAT HAPPENED**. Instead, Peter and John and the *certain man*, who had just been healed **ENTERED** the Temple and praised Elohim there in the Temple BY affirming the Temple and **ALL** that the Temple stood for, which of course **IS the Torah of YHVH**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, which **IS** what all the Apostles believed, lived and taught.

At this point, Peter and John and the lame man who was healed are surrounded by the people in the Temple, because they recognized that this was the same lame man that they have seen for years just outside the Temple doors, asking for alms; **but** he **IS NO LONGER LAME!** Peter speaks out, *Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, AS THOUGH by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Elohim of our fathers, glorified His Servant Yeshua, whom YOU delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go. But you DENIED the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and KILLED the Prince of life, whom Elohim raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.*

It is in His Name, through faith in His Name, that this man **IS HEALED**. The people were hurt to the core by Peter's words, but Peter continues and says, *You did this act through ignorance, as did your rulers also.*

Of what ignorance **IS** he speaking? He is speaking of their ignorance of what **IS WRITTEN** in the Torah of Moses, ignorance of the Word of Elohim, for their Synagogue leaders had added to and also taken so much away from Torah of YHVH, that *they therefore did not recognize the day of their visitation* because they had changed the beautiful picture of Messiah's visitation that the Torah paints.

Now Peter elaborates on their ignorance and says Elohim has shown us by the mouth of the prophets, that Messiah should suffer and our Messiah Yeshua fulfilled those prophecies. Then Peter says, now that you can see that you have been taught falsehoods and lies, **REPENT AND BE CONVERTED**. Converted to what? Converted to the **TRUE PURE TORAH**, YHVH's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, and **NOT** the doctrine of men.

Don't forget, Peter **IS** in the Temple, in Jerusalem and He **IS REAFFIRMING** to all people that follow him and his teaching, **ALL** that the temple of YHVH stands for. We know that the building of His Tabernacle and later the Temple **IS SANCTIONED** and described in detail by Elohim Himself. Therefore the temple represents Elohim and His ways, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

Once you are converted and can see that you have been taught lies contained in the **doctrines of men** and that you now accept the **DOCTRINE** of YHVH, His Truth, His Torah, with a surrendered heart to Him, your sins will be blotted out, when the time comes, the times of refreshing from the presence of YHVH.

Our Heavenly Father will send Yeshua Messiah, *who was preached to you from the Scriptures by every prophet. This same Yeshua that Heaven must receive until the restoration of all things, which YHVH has spoken of by the mouth of ALL His prophets.* How many of the prophets prophesied of the restoration of **ALL** things? **ALL** of Elohim's prophets did!

So what is it that YHVH will restore? We have to understand that **IF** something **IS** restored, it means that it was somehow destroyed, abolished or put out of use, **BUT NOW** it has been restored to its original form or function. Now since YHVH wants it restored, it **WILL** be restored, because our Elohim **IS** the one and only Omnipotent Elohim!

Peter makes sure that we understand that it is the Torah, the Living Word of YHVH **THAT IS TO BE RESTORED**.

Verse 22 Moses truly said unto the fathers, *a prophet shall YHVH, Your Elohim, raise up unto you of your brethren like unto me.* Let's stop here for a moment. It says that this future prophet will be like Moses. What does that mean? I think that most people would agree that Moses represents the Torah, since he is the one that received and later penned the Torah, and the Torah are words that he received directly from the mouth of YHVH. Moses wrote the Torah, lived the Torah and judged according to Torah.

So **IF** someone **IS** going to be **LIKE UNTO MOSES**, don't you think that that person would also live by the Torah, teach the Torah, rule by the Torah (when he returns) and judge according to Torah?

Moses goes on to say that *Him shall you HEAR, shemah, in all things.* That English word *hear* is the Hebrew word *shemah*, and that Hebrew word means *to hear, listen, understand, believe obey and DO.* So when Moses says, *Him shall you hear in all things that He says unto you,* that means that we will **OBEY ALL** things that Messiah tells us. Would you say that we as the people of Elohim **ARE NOW OBEYING ALL** the things that Messiah tells us? The answer of course **IS a resounding NO, we are NOT.** When will we obey and **DO ALL** things that Messiah tells us? I am afraid to say that the only time that corporate Israel will indeed choose to obey **ALL** that Messiah has instructed and commanded us to do, **IS** upon His triumphant return as we go into the seventh millennium as prophesied.

Verse 23 is extremely important. We have just established that this prophet that YHVH will raise up **IS** Messiah, and that He will be teaching exactly what Moses taught, which of course **IS** the Torah of the Father, and Messiah confirms that in *John 7:16 My DOCTRINE is not My own, but IT IS THE DOCTRINE of Him that sent Me.*

Verse 23 says that every soul that will **NOT** hear, again the Hebrew word for *hear* is *shemah* and it means to hear, listen, believe, understand, obey and **DO**; so what this verse is saying is that every soul that **DOES NOT OBEY THE DOCTRINE OF THE FATHER**, the doctrine of the one who sent Messiah, who **IS** the Living Torah, **IF** any soul does **NOT OBEY** the Torah of the Father, that soul will be destroyed.

It is quite clear, that Peter **IS** saying that we must obey Messiah, who **IS** the Living Word of the Father; His Living Torah made flesh, the Torah of the Father who says of Himself in *Malachi 3:6 I am YHVH, I change not.* Therefore the same **IS** said of His Living Word, our Messiah in *Hebrews 13:8 Yeshua (the Living Word of the father, the Living Torah) is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

There is absolutely **NO WAY** that a person can make these verses say anything else other than **WE ARE TO OBEY THE FATHER'S TORAH**, the Father's Doctrine. Man can of course change it, as he has often **DONE**, **BUT** man cannot make it the **TRUTH**. There is only one **TRUTH**, YHVH's **TRUTH**, His Torah.

Peter continues on and says all the prophets have foretold of these days and you are children of these prophets, and children of the Covenant which YHVH made with our fathers, saying to Abraham (who by the way **IS NOW** your father, according to Scripture), in thy seed shall all the people of the earth be blessed. The word *blessed* is the Hebrew word *nivrech* which means grafted in.

To conclude and affirm that Yeshua **IS** the Living Torah and that **WE ARE TO OBEY THE TORAH**, the Living Word of the Father; the doctrine of the one that sent Messiah to us, Messiah the Living Torah, Peter says: *Unto you first, Elohim, having raised up His Son, Yeshua, sent Him to bless you in turning you away, everyone of you from his iniquities, his Torahlessness.*

So Elohim's blessing according to Peter **IS** to turn us away from iniquity, **SIN**. What happens **IF** we turn away from iniquity and what **IS** iniquity according to Scripture? To begin with, according to John **iniquity IS transgression of the Torah**. According to John's exact words in *1John 3:4 Whosoever commits SIN transgresses also the Torah (Law): for SIN is the transgression of the Torah (Law)*. Once we turn away from iniquity, once we turn away from transgressing YHVH's Torah, and instead **START OBEYING THE TORAH**, *it shall come to pass that IF you diligently obey the voice of YHVH your Elohim to observe ALL of the Commandments which I command you today, that YHVH your Elohim will raise you up above all the nations of the earth and all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you; Deuteronomy 28:1-14*

The conclusion of *Acts 3 is Peter lived and taught Torah, Messiah lived and taught Torah, the prophets all taught that we are to return to the Torah of Moses*. Scripture tells us that when Messiah returns, He will be judging us by the Word of the Father, His Torah, and all those that choose to rebel against the Torah of Moses and follow man's doctrine will be consumed. (*verse 23*).

I know that at times I might sound like a broken record repeating the same phrase over and over again, but I don't apologize for that, because the message that the Torah **IS** the Way of Life for **ALL** believers **IS SO IMPORTANT** that I must speak it out, broken record or not. This message is so important that we must do all we can to get it out.

The best—and I believe the only way to get the message of Torah out, **IS** for us to first live a Torah obedient Life, experience the presence and the blessings of Elohim in our lives that only comes through obedience to the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life and when they become real in our lives as I know they will, **THEN** we can truly speak from personal experience and **I PROMISE YOU**, that many will be drawn to our message, because **IT IS** the very **SAME** message that Messiah gave us, and the love that emanated from Messiah will emanate from us and I believe that many will listen to our message of salvation through obedience.

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein