

The Eternal Spirit Gifts of Healing and Miracles

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of faith, prayer, and the power of the Holy Spirit in receiving healing and miracles.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher focuses on Acts 14 and the story of Paul and Barnabas preaching the gospel in Lystra and Derby. They encounter a man who has been crippled from birth and has never walked. God tells Paul to add 15 years to the man's life, demonstrating God's sovereignty over time. The preacher also mentions a baptismal service and encourages people to obey the Lord. He describes the location of the beautiful gate of the temple in Palestine and references the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Kedron River. The sermon emphasizes the significance of the man being carried and laid at the beautiful gate of the temple.

Transcript

Now, let's begin in 1 Corinthians chapter 12. 1 Corinthians, and we're at chapter 12. Paul writing to the church at Corinth, he said this, now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren.

That's what he wants to talk to them about, spiritual gifts. Gifts that come to believers by the Spirit. And he says this in verse 4, Now, there are diversities of gifts.

There's quite a lot of gifts, you know. But they all come by the same Spirit. He says in verse 7, and I'm only saving time, you can read the in-between bits, but the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

The Spirit who indwells every believer has given that believer a gift. Something that he might do for God in the body. Verse 8, for to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom.

There was a gift in the early church, you know. I don't want to go into it tonight because we may come back to it some other night. But it was a gift in the early church.

You see, when the church met after Pentecost for many years, they just met in an upper room or some hall, some place, the whole church gathered there. Now they had no New Testament. Let's get the hold of that, because I think we forget about this, you know.

You see, for years after the church was formed, Paul wasn't saved. Paul wasn't saved for a good number of chapters in the Acts of the Apostles. He's not saved.

So the epistles were not written. And remember he wrote 14 letters in our New Testament. A great part of our New Testament was written by him.

But he wasn't there then. I think, you know, we forget. And remember they had an organ book.

I don't suppose they had an organ. It's a wonder he didn't say Amen. What are you doing back there? Yes, I want you to get the hold of this.

I want you to get the proper setting. You see, here's the church There's no New Testament. And there's no hymnbooking.

There they are. Now, someone in the assembly, or maybe more than one, had this word of wisdom. They could tell the church what to do.

Now, we don't want to go on with that, because I'll waste the time. Verse 8, in the middle of the verse, to another the word of knowledge, by the same spirit. Verse 9, to another faith, by the same spirit.

You know, that's the gift of faith. We're talking about gifts now. That's not the faith that you believed with.

No, no, this is the gift of faith. You see, George Muller had the gift of faith. Hudson Taylor had the gift of faith.

Hudson Taylor founded the China Indian Mission. And you know, he hadn't a penny. He learned something one day.

If you read Hudson Taylor's life, you will find he entered into a cottage, and found an old lady there who lived alone, no fire in the grate, no food. And he had one half-crown. There were half-crowns in those days.

Two and six was worth. Just all he had, and as he held it in his hand, he said, Lord, if this had been two single shillings and a sixpence, I would have given this old lady one and six. And the Lord said, yes, you could trust me if you still had a bob in your pocket.

But he couldn't trust me without the bob. And then he learned, and he gave the old lady all he had. And then he went on to learn from this.

He could trust God for millions. But this is the gift of faith. George Miller.

Yes, he got about six million pounds from God. And he never asked any man for a penny. Never put out any leaflets, or never stood up in a meeting and said, I need this or I need that.

He never told anybody. He just told God. That was faith, you know.

Sometimes what we call faith, in my opinion, is begging. It's not a good thought. And you know, this gift of faith is quite a different thing.

And if you haven't got it, don't you be trying big things on, because it won't work for you. These are gifts we're looking at, and they're all different. Now we're at verse 9, to another faith, and that is the gift of faith,

by the same spirit.

Spirit of God gave these gifts. Now to another, the gifts, and there is an S there, the gifts of healing, gifts of healing, by the same spirit. Now these were gifts, that were there in the early church.

And it says in verse 10, to another, the working of miracles. Now I want you to get the hold of these two. I want you to look at them carefully, as they are before you.

There's one, the gifts of healing, was given to some folks by the spirit. And to another, the working of miracles, and it was given to some folks, by the spirit. Now those are the two we're going to look at tonight.

And you see, just because they're connected with healing, now I want to say this to you, that not all medical working, was healing of the body. I want you to get the hold of that. I know that very often it was, but not always.

Just please get that into your mind, but we'll come out into the open with it in a moment. But just because these two gifts were connected with healing, I want to show you some things about healing, just for the moment as we go through. Now let's have a look at this.

We're way back in the second book of Kings, and we're at chapter 20 please. Second book of Kings, and we're at chapter 20. Let's take your time and find a place, because it's good to see the word.

Second book of Kings, chapter 20. In those days was Hatzekiah sick unto death. He was the king upon the throne.

And he was sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amos, came to him and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Set thine house in order, for thou shalt die and not live. I want a message to get you home.

This is the word of the Lord. He was sick. There was a certain something wrong with him, as we shall see in a moment.

It was the physical thing. But God knew that if this physical thing wasn't attended to, then he would die. Who quibbles about that at all? I shall die and not live.

Now here's what he did. Then he turned his face to the wall and prayed unto the Lord, saying, I beseech thee, O Lord, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in my sight. And Hatzekiah wept so.

And it came to pass, before Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to him, saying, Turn again, and tell Hatzekiah, the captain of my people, Thus saith the Lord, the God of David, thy father, I have heard thy prayer. I have seen thy tears. Behold, I will heal thee.

How could he get that? Because he wasn't taken to a healing meeting or anything like that. He just turned his face to the wall and he was in dead earnest before God. And God heard his prayer and saw his tears, and just because of that, God healed him.

Now that doesn't say he will heal everybody that does that, but he heals him. And that's one way that someone was healed, just because he prayed. It was private, it was personal, it was passionate, it was prevailing prayer.

And he was healed. I want you to see this. And God said in verse 6, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

There wasn't any chance of him dying in those fifteen years, was there? Because God is sovereign of time. This is what we were looking at one night. You see? Sometimes they say to me, Can you die before you die? I want to know who is making up the time.

If you're going to tell me that God's making up the time, then there isn't any chance of me dying before my time. If God has added fifteen years to this man and that's your claim, surely only God can make up the time. I don't make it up, and certainly you don't.

Oh no, I know that Solomon, when he was away from God, and was looking at things under the sun, was carnalized when he was seeing all the vanity that was going on. He thought that men could die before the time, but he was away from God. Now here is God saying, I will add unto thy days fifteen years, I will deliver thee in this city out of the hand of the king of Syria.

Verse seven, And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. Now the word boil may mislead you there a little bit, because I think if you go home and take your Hebrew concordance and get the word, you'll find it was more serious than what we would think from the word.

It was some sort of a thing like a boil, but it wasn't just a boil, and it was contaminating his whole bloodstream, and he was going to die. It's what God says, if there's nobody coming in to help you or nothing's going to be done, you're going to die. And then he prayed.

Now it just shows you that God uses me sometimes to heal, even when it's God that's healing. You get my message? Because sometimes they ask me, you know, Do you believe that God can heal miraculously? Yes. I haven't any quibbles about that.

If I dared to stand up here and say that God can't heal miraculously, I should get sacked. If God is as big as I think he is, then he's able to do this sort of thing. But I also believe that God can heal medically too.

I know he uses means. And I take medicine, and I do this and that and the other, and I'm a diabetic, and I had to go to the doctor the day to day for diabetes just to keep this whole thing right, and I shall take them until the end of the day and thank God for it and all the rest of it. I believe that God can heal medically.

Of course, I also believe that God can heal surgically. I believe there's a place for the surgeon. I'm sure that none of you would quibble if you had the appendix and had gone wild in the middle of the night of being rushed over a Mr. Bomber taking it out to save your life.

I think you would thank God. I believe that, of course. I believe that God can heal miraculously.

I believe that God can heal medically. I believe that God can heal surgically. But I believe there are times when God is not going to heal.

I think all the healers have found this out. They're going to put them in a box one day and carry them away. I've seen the best of them, you know, who shouted and raged.

I saw a fellow who wrote a book as slick as that, you know. Knew everything about healing. He could do it in a moment.

I walked into Bombridge, around the corner, he's in the bed. Ha ha! I said, what's up with you, man? Have you a book below the filler? I says, now look, I'm not well. Don't rub it into me.

They said, you know, you wrote a book for everybody else. They should jump out of their skin. Get under the bed and let's see you practicing it.

Oh, not at all. He wasn't well then. We get a lot of tripe, don't we? Just pure tripe it is.

So let's settle it that this man was healed just because he prayed and just because God heard his prayer and just because God said, I will heal thee and God used ordinary means. It was actually a poultice from a fig just to cure the whole thing and that old fig has been used more than once since then. So I think you can see that.

Now, let's go a little bit further with this. Let's go to Philippines and we're at Philippines chapter 2. Philippines chapter 2 and Paul's writing to the church at Philippi and he's saying this to them verse 25 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus Now look at the testimonial Paul gives them my brother and companion in labor and fellow soldier but your messenger and he that ministered to my wants. Do you see him? He was a good old saint, wasn't he? My brother, companion in labor, fellow soldier but your messenger he that ministered to my wants.

Now, Paul loved this man. This man had labored with him. This man had fought beside him in the battle of life.

Now he's sick now. Verse 26 For he longed after you all, was full of heaviness because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he was sick, nigh unto death.

He was dying this fellow. Don't come round after the meeting and tell me he was a sinner and this is what happened to him. Because I'll tell you the testimonial will put you in a fix.

Paul said he was my fellow soldier and you know I'll come to it again. You know why he was sick nigh unto death? Look at the last verse. Verse 30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life.

I'm not sure whether that's the wisest thing or not but thank God God has had men who didn't really regard their lives. We're not rolled up in cotton wool you know. They got on with the job.

I get criticized right, left and center for working so hard. I shall do what I think I need to do. You mind your own business.

I don't want people to tell me what to do. I shall work for Christ as I see fit and if I drop in the job I'll go to heaven. This fellow was not regarding his life.

Some of you know nothing about that sort of thing of course. Now I want you to get this. Go back to verse 26.

For he longed after you all and was full of happiness because that he had heard that he had been sick for indeed he was sick nigh unto death but God had mercy on him. And that's how he was healed. This boy didn't get any medicine.

This boy didn't go to any healing meeting. Nobody laid hands on him. I'll tell you what happened.

God had mercy on him. Just pure matchless divine mercy. And I want you to get the hold of this.

Just to make it watertight. It says verse 27 But God had mercy on him and not on him only but on me also lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. Paul loved him.

He was a good man. Paul wasn't longing for some old sinner to get out of the way you know. This was a valuable servant.

Don't talk to me about this sin making you sick. Just have a look at it now and read it the way it's there. Because Paul would have broken his heart if this fellow had gone.

Got that quite clear now? Because all the wee bits are very valuable. Yes you see this is mercy that healed this fellow. Let's go to the book of James.

Hebrews and then comes James. I want you to get this quite clear too. And we're at James and we're at chapter 5. And James who was a very practical believer indeed in verse 13 of chapter 5 said Is any among you afflicted? Let them pray.

Is any merry? Let them sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Oh watch this wording very carefully. Let them call for the elders of the church.

And he's talking about the local church you know. And let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick.

You see there are fellows who come round to me and they say you know we are not joining any place. We're freelancers. We'll just do as we like.

Oh I know about you, I've heard about you before. But I'll tell you when you're sick. You have no elders.

And I'll go calling you. Because God doesn't know anything about this freelance business. All the epistles that you enjoy were written to local churches sir.

And you know through them now. But it was to the church at Cairo. And to the church at Ephesus.

And to the church of the Philippines. I'll tell you God doesn't want you to be running about disobeying his governments. You see I've seen this done before now you know.

And your man who was dying of TB. He called for the elders of the church. And they put the elders in the pit of the fixer I may as well tell you.

And I happened to be one of them. Walked up and down all night. Wondered is this old fella just trying to get out of this now? Is he afraid to die? Is God moving him? Is this of God or what is this? And all the other boys walked up and down all night too.

And then they all met and they all came to the conclusion that this was of God. And it's a terrible moment when you get down on your knees. A whole lot of big men.

And you believe that God is leading you. And you're going to pray and this fella will be healed. And the doctor had certified that he hadn't long to go.

Oh but he was healed. That was by the pure faith of elders. That wasn't a healing campaign.

That was trembling fearful elders. That's what that was. I want you to get these things.

Because you see sometimes it's just private prayer. Sometimes it's the mercy of God. Sometimes it's the faith.

And the prayer of faith of elders who believe God. We're outside that thoughtful realm with the gifts tonight. We're looking at the gift of the working of miracles.

And then the gifts of healing. Let's go way back to the Acts of the Apostles. And we're at the Acts of the Apostles.

Chapter 3 please. Acts of the Apostles chapter 3. Now you know that Pentecost was in chapter 2. And the Holy Ghost came down and all the followers of Christ. The individual followers were baptized into one body.

And God gave gifts to the body or to the members of the body. Chapter 3. Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried.

Whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called beautiful. To ask alms of them that entered into the temple. I want you to try to see this man.

And I want you to see the situation. He was lame from his mother's womb. And I want you to see that his friends carried him and laid him daily at the gate of the temple.

Which is called beautiful at the beautiful gate of the temple. And when I was in Palestine and stood looking at the beautiful gate of the temple one morning. Walked up and down and had a thought or two about it.

And David Patterson sat on a rock and he says, Armando look up. And really there wasn't very much. It's just a big stone gate there.

But I was looking at the countryside and you see just outside the gate. You'll find that the Mount of Olives is coming down there. And the Garden of Gethsemane is at the bottom.

And then the Kidron River is there. And this is called the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And as you come up the valley.

You would come to this beautiful gate of the temple. And I said David. There was a man carried for a long time and laid at this beautiful gate of the temple.

He was a cripple and everybody knew he was a cripple. Now let's get the man's age into it because that will help us a little bit. Now if we come to chapter 4 just to save the time.

This man was healed miraculously that morning. See verse 22. Chapter 4 verse 22.

For this man. For the man was above 40 years old. On whom this miracle of healing.

Let's get that word in. Miracle of healing was shown. Now I want you to get this now.

We're only at Acts chapter 3 you see. And this fellow is laid at the gate. Now he's over 40.

Got this now. And you do know that he was a cripple from his mother's womb. You know that bit too.

He never had walked in his life. And he's 40 years of age. So everybody from far and near knows this fellow.

He's been there a long time. Now I couldn't tell you when they began first to take him to the gate. Because I don't know.

Supposing I said that they began to take him when he was 16. Maybe not. Supposing I said they began to take him when he was 20.

Maybe you would agree with me there. We don't know. We can't be sure.

But we'll say 20. His friends began to take him when he was 20 years of age. And left him there.

And for 20 years he'd been there. He's over 40 now. 20 years everybody knew.

Everybody that went into the temple from here and there and yonder. They all knew the old fellow that lay at the gate. So that this man's disability has been well known to everybody.

I'm going to say something that will make you think. I hope when you read the scriptures. You see this is Acts chapter 3. And in Acts chapter 1 our Lord Jesus went to heaven.

He had been crucified back there and he'd been 40 days with his people. Now before the crucifixion he was three years or three and a half years. Going around the country and he came into the temple time after time.

I want to tell you the man was there when he came into the temple every time. He had been there for 20 years. So he's there in those three.

Yes he was you know. Now I don't think that this old fellow was looking for healing at all. He was looking for money.

He was a beggar now. And he had been so used with it for 20 years. He didn't mind people passing him by now.

He knew that the most of them would pass him by. But an odd one would look his way. And although he must have heard many things about Jesus of Nazareth.

Jesus of Nazareth never looked at him. He passed him by. Now you might think that's strange.

If you were arguing back with me and say that's terrible. Well the Lord Jesus passed. I'll tell you this.

The Lord Jesus was leaving a job for one of his own to do. Happened to be left it for Peter. And maybe the Lord has left a wee job for you to do.

Maybe you're so taken up with the temple that you don't see the problem. Sometimes I think the church of Jesus Christ walks past the problem. That's what I think you know.

And maybe it is your problem. And you walk by it. And you let one go to hell.

Maybe the Lord left it for you. You don't do nothing about it. Anyhow on this particular day.

Let's go back to chapter 3 and verse 2. And here he's at the temple gate. Who's seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asking alms. He was asking for pennies.

You know when McCartney was reading this first in London. You know how the McCartneys mix up English. They say alms, alms, alms.

And he says the man was asking for alms, alms. And the Lord gave him legs. Well that's alright you know.

But that's not just what's here. He was asking for pennies. Let's put it in our language.

He was begging. Who's seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asking alms. And Peter fastening his eyes upon them with John said look at us.

I want you to see the man on the ground. And he gave heed unto them expecting to receive something often. Now what was he expecting? He was expecting money.

He thought I have got the eye of these two boys. And he thought when Peter spoke to him. Sure to get something now.

But the minute that Peter spoke Peter said. Silver and gold have I none. That must have took the bottom out of the boat for the man on the ground.

And the Roman Catholics. Some of them here bless you for being here. You try to tell me that Peter was the first Pope.

Well I tell you he was a funny Pope. I've never seen any of the Popes without money yet. This is the only one.

Silver and gold have I none. I don't think he was the Pope. I think the Roman Catholic made a great mistake when they made Peter the Pope.

Because I'll tell you this. He was the apostle to the Jews. In fact Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles.

Had they been choosing one they should have taken Paul. But we're not going into that this evening. And he gave heed unto them expecting to receive something often.

He was looking for money. Then Peter said silver and gold have I none. He knew what he was looking for.

But such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took them by the right hand and lifted them up.

And immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood and walked and entered with them into the temple. And it's called in the next chapter where we were reading this age.

It was called this miracle of healing. You know this was a big thing for Peter. Don't let's get Peter out of focus here.

Because he was a fisherman you know. I think he had big hands, big rough hands. He was a big rough man.

And you know for Peter to stop on the road. And everybody around him knew this man of the gate. This was not rough case.

This wasn't somebody pretending. To be a cripple. This boy had been a cripple for 40 years.

And I don't think Peter did it too boldly. He just took his time. And he knows now that the church is formed.

And he said that he had this gift of the working of miracles. Now for Peter to just stand on the road way. And look at the man and say.

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Rise up and walk. And I'll tell you what happened.

Really happened. Yes I want you to get the whole of that you know. Because I want you to be sure of this thing.

You see when we talk about the gift of the working of miracles. You know you don't need any response from the man. Or the woman or whoever is ill or sick.

You see when I was in America I was taken to see a man. And he was a cripple and had been for some time. And I was asking him how he was getting on.

It's in a place called Mars Hill. It's just over the border in America from Canada. I said you know when I took him first.

He said there's a fellow came here to heal me. And he put his hands on me. He says I've got the gift of the working of miracles.

And in the name of Jesus rise up and walk. But he says it never happened. It didn't happen.

And so a few days later you see. I came into contact with the fellow who had done this. And I said to him are you running the country yet? Working these miracles? He says yes.

I said why did it not work with Ned so and so of Mars Hill? Weren't you there? He says I was. He said it was his fault. He had no faith.

I said that's wrong. If you've got the gift of the working of miracles. It doesn't make a matter of what the man has.

The man at the beautiful gate of the temple had no faith. He wasn't even expecting to be healed. He was looking for money.

If you've got the gift of the working of miracles you can never miss. So I began to edge him into the corner. I said was the raising of Lazarus a miracle? Yes.

Why would he say it? He liked to tell me where the faith was in the dead body. It wasn't there you know. And remember that Peter had this gift.

Let's go along a little bit. Let's come along to Acts chapter 9. Acts chapter 8 it is. Acts chapter 8. Now I want you to get the hold of this now.

It's Acts 9. If this is the new Bible and I get mixed up a little bit. It doesn't matter. Verse 33.

And then he found a certain man named Aeneas. Which had kept his bed eight years and was sick of the palsy. And Peter said unto him Aeneas.

Christ Jesus. Jesus Christ maketh thee whole. Arise and make thy bed.

And he arose immediately. You'll find when you come to verse 36. Now there was a job of a certain disciple named Tabitha.

Which by interpretation is called Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did. Don't tell me she was a sinner.

Came to pass in those days that she was sick. And died. Whom when they had washed.

No trouble about her being dead. They had washed. They laid her in an upper chamber.

And for as much as Lydia was nigh to Joppa. The disciples had heard that Peter was there. They sent unto him two men desiring him that he would not delay to come to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come they brought him into the upper chamber. And all the widows stood by weeping.

Showing the coats and garments. Which Dorcas made. While she was with them.

But Peter put them all forth. And kneeling down. Just watch him now.

Fisherman. And prayed. And turning to the body said.

Tabitha. Arise. She opened her eyes.

With any faith in the body. I think you are big enough and old enough to know. I tell you that when you have the working of miracles.

It doesn't make a matter what the man or the woman thinks. Or even if the body is dead. It can be done.

If you believe it's the Lord's will for you to do it. There can be no missus. Now not only had Peter.

The gift of the working of miracles as you have seen. But Paul had the gift of the working of miracles. Because he raised the young man from the dead too.

You remember that he preached all night. And the young fellow fell and was dead. And Paul raised him from the dead.

Now you see these gifts were in the early church. These were sign gifts. That's what they're called.

They're called sign gifts. Because when there was no New Testament here. These were signs to all in summary.

That God was with these men. You couldn't game say it could you? If Peter turns to this fellow at the gate. And he's been there 20 years.

And he says in the name of Jesus rise up and walk. And he rises and walk. You can't argue about it can you? And that Paul lies upon the young fellow and said.

He will come to life again. And he came to life. There is no argument about it.

Now when the day was moving on for the church. Why did Paul not put his hands or say a word for Epaphroditus? Would you like to explain it to me? Because I can tell you he loved him. And I can tell you he was sick.

And I can tell you Paul says. Lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. Why? Why not put them? Was it disappearing? Let me show you something else.

Come to second Timothy. Second Timothy chapter 4. This is Paul writing to Timothy. And as he comes to the end of this wonderful letter.

In verse 19 he says. Second Timothy 4.19 Why? Why not heal him? Why did he not touch him? Why is the gift of miracles now? Is it not working now? Surely this is the boy he needed. As I left him that made him sick.

I will tell you this friends. You know these fine gifts. Which go to second Corinthians.

And we are at chapter 12. Second Corinthians. And the Lord is saying to Paul himself.

In verse 9 he says unto me. My grace is sufficient for thee. For my strength has made perfect in weakness.

Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities. That the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities.

In reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions. In distresses for Christ's sake. For when I am weak then I am strong.

I have become a fool in gloating. Ye have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended of you.

For nothing am I behind the chiefest apostles. Though I be nothing. Truly the signs of an apostle.

Were wrought among you in all patience. In signs and wonders and mighty deeds. These were the signs of an apostle.

You know the signs were only there for a while. And you see them fading out. Why Paul should have touched the papyrus.

Why Paul should have touched. Oh but he didn't. Now let's get down to this gift of healing.

We have a minute or two yet. It's gone to the Acts of the Apostles. Why this ass at this all the time? Well here we are now.

We're at chapter 14 of the Acts of the Apostles. Now I want you to watch this very carefully. See how wonderful the Bible is.

This is it. This is Paul and Barnabas going into Lystra and Derby. It says in verse 6. And they were aware of it and fled into Lystra and Derby cities of Laconia.

And on to the region that lay round about and there they preached the gospel. And there sat a certain man at Lystra impotent in his feet being a cripple from his mother's womb. Who never had walked.

So you see here's another one almost the same. I don't know his age. It doesn't tell me.

But everybody knew he was a cripple from his mother's womb. The same heard Paul speak. Who, that is Paul, who steadfastly beholding him.

And perceiving that he had faith to be healed. Now I want you to know what Paul perceived of this man of faith. Said with a loud voice.

Stand upright on my feet. And he leaped and walked. Now there are boys that tell me they haven't got the gift of the working of miracles.

But they have got the gift of healing. And I don't know anything about that phrase. It's not in the book.

It's the gifts of healing every time. The S is there every time. Now I want you to get this.

Why is the S there? Cause the gifts of healing means two things. It means first of all that the man must have faith who's going to be healed. Oh, but it means that you can perceive the faith.

And you haven't only got the perfection. You've got the power. You've got two things.

You see these fellows back out of everything. They go around and touch somebody on the bed. And then when they're not healed they say, well they hadn't the faith.

They ought to perceive where they had or where they hadn't. In the early church in the early days these two gifts were fine gifts. And there was never a miss.

Cause of it was the gifts of healing. The man who had these gifts he had two things. He could perceive if he had faith.

And then he had power to raise them up. You see friends we've got to get into this. So we've got to take another week.

We're going to go into all the different sicknesses now. And we'll find out one or two things more. Let me go a bit early this evening.

We'll not sing anymore. See you on the new year. The Tuesday of the new year.

We have a baptismal service on the last Thursday of this year. And there's quite a number who came tonight. My old men.

Some of them over 70. Businessmen. Young people.

All coming. Are you saved? Would you like to come? Would you like to obey the Lord? We're not asking you to join us. We're asking you to obey the Lord.

If you'd like to get that settled now come and see me. And may you have a very happy Christmas. May God bless you.

Let's pray. Lord we thank you for your book. And everything that we need to guide us into the whole truth.

And nothing but the truth. Is in these pages. O Lord help us to search the scriptures.

Help us to study. To show ourselves approved unto God. Work men that need us not to be ashamed.

Rightly dividing the word of truth. Lord bless thy word to every soul in the building this evening. Help us to follow on after thee.

Lord when we think of this time of the year. That he who was rich. For our sakes.

Became poor. We only want to be right. For thy glory.

Part us in thy fear. And with thy blessing for thy name's sake. Amen.

Amen.

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