

THE GATE BEAUTIFUL

OPENING:

This NEW DAY is a *KAIROS* moment – a NEW SEASON. This is the TME for us to move into our DESTINY (destination), the GOAL of the RACE, the HIGH CALLING, to be LIKE Jesus!

TEXT:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, KJV To every thing there is a SEASON (fixed, set, or appointed time), and a TIME (duration) to every PURPOSE (pleasure; desire; a valuable thing; a matter, as something in mind) under the heaven:

2 A TIME to be BORN...

John 3:3-7, KJV Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be BORN AGAIN, he cannot SEE the kingdom of God.

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot ENTER into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

PRINCIPLE: Man, male and female, is UNIQUE. He lives in TWO worlds, the NATURAL and the SPIRITUAL. He has the power of CHOICE or preference. He is the only creature that studies HIMSELF (obsessed with WHY we are, WHERE we are, and WHEN we are). BUT, God did not give us the choice of our PARENTS, of WHERE (the PLACE) and WHEN (the TIME) we were BORN, or WHO it was who brought us here.

PRINCIPLE: Each of us came into the world with something. Each has a SEED, the STUFF that is IN you, your DNA that determines your BODY, your COLOR.

Moreover, the SOUL realm reveals that you have a certain TEMPERAMENT (“that’s MY boy”...“those are YOUR people”). With regard to BODY and SOUL, these are things that we did not LEARN. They “RUN” in our FAMILY.

PRINCIPLE: We are all DIFFERENT. Each one of us has certain WEAKNESSES, and each of us has certain STRENGTHS.

Moreover, we each have certain PREFERENCES (music, clothing, food – you cannot TEACH me into chittlins’).

PRINCIPLE: We are also influenced by the SPIRIT realm, the SPIRIT of those who have gone BEFORE us (both positive and negative), so stop judging somebody else’s struggle. CHOOSE:

1. BLESSING – ever dealing with your potential and destiny.
2. CURSING – ever dealing with your weaknesses, and, consequently, never seeing your destiny.

PRINCIPLE: We all stepped into a FAMILY, a system, a culture, a habit. We fight over the TV channel, or get used to a dysfunctional car. This is HOW we grew up, getting used to our brothers and sisters, but we must find a way to CHANGE those things that are DYSFUNCTIONAL (other people have a normal car).

Hebrews 11:3, KJV Through faith we understand that the WORLDS WERE FRAMED (put in order, arranged, prepared; to fit or frame for oneself) BY THE WORD (rhema) OF GOD, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

PRINCIPLE: Each of us has developed or created an **EXTERNAL CULTURE** (our **WORLD**) around an **INTERNAL CHOOSING** (our **THOUGHTS**, which become our **WORDS**).

We must learn to **MATCH** our **ENVIRONMENT** with our **SPIRITUAL HEREDITY**, the **DIVINE SEED** (1 Pet. 1:23), our **DIVINE DNA** (Divine Nature Attitude, 2 Pet. 1:4). For example, Prince **JONATHAN** could not break with his father, King **Saul**.

PRINCIPLE: Our **NATURAL** birth brought us to a time of our **SPIRITUAL** birth (Jn. 3:7). But too many still focus on the **FIRST MAN ADAM** and remain **LAME**, unable to get to the **PLACE** where they should be going, the place of their **DESTINY**.

CHURCH systems contribute to this disease of **UNBELIEF**, for they are the spiritual **WOMB**, the **MOTHER** from which we came – the “**FIRE**” Church, the “**HOLY**” Church (“the Spirit is about to move” – early warning system of hollering, bucking, jerking, clapping, eyes closed...).

Religious folks thrive on **IGNORANCE**, which is spiritual **LAMENESS**. In a **SMALL** Church or business, which is a **NARROW**, singular thing, we can easily become exclusive and weird. Some just can’t wrap their arms around greatness...

Many who are even preaching the Kingdom are still **LAME**.

THE WAY THROUGH THE BEAUTIFUL GATE – KEY KINGDOM PRINCIPLES OF ACTS 3:1-8

NOTE: This chapter narrates the **FIRST** recorded **MIRACLE** in the Book of Acts. This **CRIPPLE** may have been **BORN** a Levite, a **PRIEST**, but because of his “**LAME**” condition (Lev. 21:18) was disqualified from office; once he was **HEALED**, he could **GO IN!**

*Acts 3:1, KJV Now **PETER** and **JOHN** went up together into the **TEMPLE** (hieron) at the **HOUR** (season) of **PRAYER** (proseuche), being the **NINTH HOUR** (3 p.m.).*

Acts 3:2 *And a certain man LAME FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB (and now over 40 years old, as in Acts 4:22; "crippled from his birth" – AMP) was (being) CARRIED (along), whom they LAID (put, placed) DAILY AT (pros – toward, nearby) the GATE (see below) of the TEMPLE which is called BEAUTIFUL (see below), to ASK (beg) ALMS (verse 3) of them that entered into the temple (Solomon's Porch – 150 ft.; 15 steps? – Psa. 120-134);*

NOTE: "LAME" (*choios*) = "limping, HALT (stopped!), deprived of a FOOT (foundation), maimed." ALL of us were born LAME, sinners unable to get to the PLACE of DESTINY (Rom. 3:10,23):

1. Some are BORN LAME, like this man in Acts 3.
2. Some are DROPPED by others and BECOME LAME, like MEPHIBOSHETH (2 Sam. 4:4 with 2 Sam. 9).
3. Some are CRIPPLED by the LORD'S sovereign purposes, like JACOB who became ISRAEL (Gen. 32:24-32).

NOTE: "CARRIED" (*bastazo*) = "to take up with the hands in order to carry or bear, to put upon oneself something burdensome to be carried; to sustain, to uphold, to support."

Acts 3:3-6 *Who seeing PETER and JOHN about to go into the temple ASKED (begged) an ALMS (compassion, beneficence; mercy, pity, charity, donation – this is the MINDSET of the LAME, those in the LOWER realms, for it would COST him NOTHING).*

4 *And PETER (the apostolic), FASTENING HIS EYES (gaze intently, fix the eyes – with FAITH) UPON (eis = into) him with JOHN, said, LOOK (discern, perceive, discover, understand) ON us (eis = into – acknowledge the APOSTLE, as in Tit. 1:1).*

5 *And he GAVE HEED (paid attention) unto them, EXPECTING (anticipating, awaiting) to RECEIVE (lambano) something OF them (para – beside, near, from).*

6 *Then PETER said, SILVER and GOLD have I none; but such as I HAVE (echo – hold, possess) give I thee: In the NAME of Jesus Christ of Nazareth RISE UP and WALK (peripateo – walk all around).*

NOTE: “RISE UP” (egeiro) = “collect one's faculties; to waken, rouse (literally, from sleep, from sitting or lying, from disease, from death; or figuratively, from obscurity, inactivity, ruins, or nonexistence).”

Acts 3:7 And he TOOK HIM (squeeze, seize; to capture or arrest; apprehend) by the RIGHT HAND, and LIFTED (raised) HIM UP: and IMMEDIATELY (instantly) his FEET (basis) and ankle bones RECEIVED STRENGTH (see below).

NOTE: “RIGHT HAND” – Prophetic scribe Bill Britton wrote a message about “BOTH HANDS FULL OF INCENSE” (Lev. 16:12 with Ex. 30:7-8; Job 9:33; Psa. 141:2). The MORNING INCENSE at the THIRD hour (Acts 2:15) is PRAISE (unto God), the LEFT hand; and the EVENING INCENSE at the NINTH hour (Acts 3:1) is INTERCESSORY PRAYER (unto man), the RIGHT hand!

Acts 3:8 And he LEAPING UP (springing forth) STOOD, and (“began to” – AMP) WALKED, and ENTERED WITH (sun) THEM (empowered WITH the FAMILY) INTO (eis) the TEMPLE (heiron), WALKING, and LEAPING, and PRAISING God (see below).

NOTE: This was a DOUBLE MIRACLE! The cripple was HEALED of his lameness, AND learned to walk IMMEDIATELY!

NOTE: This man was BORN “LAME.” He could not WALK OUT what he could SEE and VIEW every day through that PORTAL. Somebody CARRIED him up to the GATE, the OPENING – these ministries will BEAR you (sustain you) up TO the Gate, the PLACE where you can SEE the BEAUTIFUL life (your DESTINY).

BUT these (circumstances and people – relationships) who CARRIED you to the THRESHHOLD of your destiny cannot take you THROUGH that GATE (the rent veil) to partake of the BEAUTIFUL LIFE, the more ABUNDANT life (Jn. 10:10).

NOTE: The KEYS which unlock this passage in Acts 3:1-8 are found in the meaning of TWO WORDS:

1. “GATE” (*thura*) = “a portal or entrance (the opening); the vestibule; used of any opening like a door, an entrance, a way or passage into.” A DOOR was OPENED in Heaven” (Rev. 4:1) – this pictures the RENT VEIL into the MOST HOLY PLACE. On the OTHER SIDE of this PORTAL or RENT VEIL is:

- a. MOUNT ZION, beautiful for situation (Psa. 48:2).
- b. The MAN whose name is the BRANCH (Isa. 4:2).
- c. The Gospel of PEACE (-makers) (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:18).
- d. AARON’S GARMENTS (Ex. 28:1-2 with Psa. 29:2; 110:3) – connect the “WOMB of the morning” with *adelphos*.

2. “BEAUTIFUL” (*horaios*) = “belonging to the RIGHT HOUR or SEASON (timely), (by implication) flourishing (beauteous); blooming.” It is derived from *hora* (HOUR; a certain definite time or season; used of the seasons of the year).

Vine’s adds that *horaios* describes “that which is seasonable, produced at the right time,” as of the PRIME OF LIFE, or the time when anything is at its loveliest and best – this is the MOST BEAUTIFUL TIME AND SEASON OF YOUR LIFE!

NOTE: This GATE was a PORTAL and not a DOOR. Too many can only SEE into the BEAUTIFUL LIFE, but have never found the way into that walk. Most folks have come right up TO the threshold of their destiny, but never have gone THROUGH it!

The APOSTLES Peter and John came to the Temple TOGETHER, depicting the APOSTOLIC COMPANY:

1. PETER is a picture here of REVELATION (Matt. 16:16-18).
2. JOHN is a picture here of INTIMACY (Jn. 21:20; 1 Jn. 3-4).

The INTIMACY of REVELATION will bring you through the RENT VEIL into the reality of the IN-CHRIST LIFE, and will EMPOWER you to walk forward into your DESTINY, your PROMISED LAND (inheritance) in Him!

“Such as I have, GIVE I thee” – this was Holy Ghost IMPARTATION. The APOSTOLIC anointing caused this man to rise and to walk IMMEDIATELY (instantly)!

NOTE: APOSTLES, or FATHER ministry (1 Cor. 4:15), grab you by the HAND and make you STRONG where you once were WEAK, enabling you to STAND!

This lame man’s feet and ankle bones instantly received “STRENGTH” (Acts 3:7) – this word is *stereo* (compare the English, “steroids”) and it means, “to solidify, make firm, confirm, establish.” It is derived from *stereos* (stable, steadfast, immovable) and the root *histemi* (to stand). It is used in Acts 16:4-5 to describe the churches that were “ESTABLISHED” by the APOSTOLIC ministries of Paul and Timothy.

NOTE: This LAME man now STOOD, then WALKED, and then ENTERED the place called BEAUTIFUL, the place that he could only SEE before. Those who CARRIED him up to that point could only VIEW this place, but did not ENTER in (like the 50 prophets who watched Elijah “AFAR OFF” in 2 Kings 2:7).

Those who truly ENTER in will be known by their WALKING (*peripateo* – to walk all around), their LEAPING (to spring up or to jump; to gush up like a spring of water), and their PRAISING God (speak or sing praise). This man entered “WITH THEM” – Peter and John reveal the JOSHUA ministry that EMPOWERS others, causing them to INHERIT their portion, their DESTINY!

Ecclesiastes 3:11, KJV He hath made every thing BEAUTIFUL (bright, fair; “appropriate” – NAS) in HIS TIME....

APPLICATION: We must learn to give to others what God has put IN us, and bring others INTO the BEAUTIFUL LIFE; and God has put what YOU need in SOMEBODY ELSE.

By and through anointed IMPARTATION, real apostolic FATHERS will CIRCUMCISE you and CUT YOUR FLESH. Let them do it. The one RIVER in Eden had FOUR heads (Gen. 2:10-14 – the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph) – the way back into EDEN, PARADISE, the BEAUTIFUL LIFE, your DESTINY, will come through FATHERS, through the APOSTLES!

