

Acts 14:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Analysis

Stand upright on thy feet (στῆθι ἐπὶ τοὺς πόδας σου ὀρθός)—Paul's command demonstrates apostolic authority mirroring Christ's healing ministry. The Greek *orthos* (upright) emphasizes complete restoration, not merely assistance to stand. The man's immediate response—**he leaped and walked** (ἤλατο καὶ περιεπάτει)—echoes Isaiah 35:6's messianic promise: 'then shall the lame man leap as an hart.' This miracle at Lystra parallels Peter's healing in Acts 3:8, establishing Paul's apostleship through Christ's continued works.

Paul's **loud voice** (φωνῇ μεγάλῃ) proclaimed healing publicly, creating unavoidable witness to God's power. The immediate physical transformation—from lifelong lameness to leaping—left no room for gradual improvement or psychological explanation.

Historical Context

This occurred at Lystra (modern Turkey) during Paul's first missionary journey (c. AD 47-48). The man had been crippled from birth, making the healing undeniably miraculous. Lystra was a Roman colony with mixed pagan population, setting the stage for the theological confrontation that follows.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does apostolic authority through Christ differ from modern claims of healing power?
2. What does the immediate, complete nature of biblical miracles teach about God's redemptive work in salvation?

Interlinear Text

εἶπεν μεγάλη τῇ φωνῇ Ἀνάστηθι ἐπὶ τοὺς πόδας σου
Said **with a loud** G3588 **voice** **Stand** **on** G3588 **feet** **thy**
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ὀρθός καὶ ἤλλετο καὶ περιεπάτει
upright **And** **he leaped** **And** **walked**
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 35:6 (Parallel theme): Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

John 14:12 (Parallel theme): Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.