

Acts 3:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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;

Analysis

The lame man 'from his mother's womb' emphasizes the miracle's magnitude - this wasn't recent injury but lifelong disability. Being 'laid daily' at the gate called Beautiful shows his begging was systematic and well-known. The contrast between his helplessness and coming transformation illustrates spiritual regeneration.

Historical Context

The Beautiful Gate (possibly the Nicanor Gate) was on the temple's east side, a high-traffic location for almsgiving. This man was a known fixture, making his healing publicly verifiable.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Study Questions

1. How does this man's lifelong condition illustrate humanity's spiritual helplessness?

2. What does his positioning at the temple teach about seeking in the wrong places?

Interlinear Text

καί	τις	άνήρ	χωλὸς	ἐκ	κοιλίας	μητρὸς	αὐτοῦ
And	a certain	man	G5560	from	womb	mother's	G846
G2532	G5100	G435		G1537	G2836	G3384	
ὑπάρχων	ἐβαστάζετο	ὄν	ἐτίθουν	καθ'	ἡμέραν	πρὸς	
lame	was carried	whom	they laid	G2596	daily	at	
G5225	G941	G3739	G5087		G2250	G4314	
τὸ	θύραν	τὸ	ἱερόν·	τὸ	λεγομένην	Ὠραίαν	τὸ
which	the gate	which	of the temple	which	is called	Beautiful	which
G3588	G2374	G3588	G2411	G3588	G3004	G5611	G3588
αἰτεῖν	ἐλεημοσύνην	παρὰ	τὸ	εἰσπορευομένων	εἰς	τὸ	
to ask	alms	of	which	them that entered	into	which	
G154	G1654	G3844	G3588	G1531	G1519	G3588	
ἱερόν·							
of the temple							
G2411							

Additional Cross-References

Acts 14:8 (Parallel theme): And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

John 9:8 (Parallel theme): The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

Luke 16:20 (Parallel theme): And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

Acts 10:31 (Parallel theme): And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

Luke 18:35 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging:

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