

Acts 3:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

Analysis

Peter's command 'Look on us' demanded attention beyond casual glance. The Greek *atenisas* (fastening eyes) indicates focused gaze. This prepared the man for what he was about to receive - not silver or gold but healing power in Jesus' name.

Historical Context

Eye contact established personal connection in ancient culture. Peter's demand for attention indicates the healing would require responsive faith, not passive reception.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What does 'looking' toward Christ involve beyond casual acknowledgment?
2. How does focused attention on Jesus prepare for transformation?

Interlinear Text

ἀτενίσας	δὲ	Πέτρος	εἰς	αὐτὸν	σὺν	τῷ	Ἰωάννῃ
fastening his eyes	And	Peter	upon	him	with	G3588	John
G816	G1161	G4074	G1519	G846	G4862		G2491
εἶπεν	Βλέψον	εἰς	ἡμᾶς				
said	Look	upon	on us				
G2036	G991	G1519	G2248				

Additional Cross-References

John 11:40 (Parallel theme): Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Acts 3:12 (References Peter): And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

Luke 4:20 (Parallel theme): And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.