

Acts 3:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

Analysis

The healed man's response - 'leaping up, walking, and praising God' - fulfilled Isaiah 35:6 ('the lame man leap as an hart'). His progression from standing to leaping shows overflow of gratitude. Entering the temple 'with them' indicated immediate identification with Christ's disciples.

Historical Context

The man's joyful leaping echoed messianic prophecy about Israel's restoration. His public worship in the temple provided powerful testimony to all present.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does your response to God's mercy reflect genuine gratitude?
2. What does immediate association with believers teach about conversion's social dimension?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	ἐξαλλόμενος	ἔστη	καὶ	περιπατῶν	καὶ	εἰσῆλθεν	σὺν
And	he leaping up	stood	And	walked	And	entered	with
G2532	G1814	G2476	G2532	G4043	G2532	G1525	G4862
αὐτοῖς	εἰς	τὸ	ἱερὸν	περιπατῶν	καὶ	ἀλλόμενος	καὶ
them	into	G3588	the temple	walked	And	leaping	And
G846	G1519		G2411	G4043	G2532	G242	G2532
αἰνῶν	τὸν	θεόν					
praising	G3588	God					
G134		G2316					

Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 35:6 (Sin): 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.

Acts 14:10 (Parallel theme): Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Luke 6:23 (Parallel theme): Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

John 5:14 (Sin): Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.