

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
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αὐτοῖς εἰς τὸ ἱερὸν περιπατῶν καὶ ἀλλόμενος καὶ
them into the temple walked And leaping And
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αἰνῶν τὸν θεόν
praising God
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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.