

MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD

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INTRODUCTION

TEXT: *“But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”* (Acts 3:6)

- A. The beggar sought of Peter and John silver or gold, a physical livelihood.
 - 1. What that was not what he received.
 - 2. What he received was MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD!
- B. Emphasis man has always placed on precious metal.
 - 1. Necessary to sustain life.
 - 2. To have the things in life which we enjoy.
- C. Tendency on the part of man to make “precious metal” too important or the most important thing in life.
 - 1. *“Love of money is the root of all kinds of evil”* (I Tim. 6:10).
 - 2. James 5:1-3
 - 3. Matthew 6:33.

HE WAS HEALED

- A. *“And many wonders and signs were done through the apostles”* (2:43)
 - 1. We do not know what all of those were.
 - 2. But we do know that they caused the people to marvel.
- B. Chapter three Begins with One such wonder.
 - 1. The story of the healing of the lame man.
 - 2. *“But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk. And he took him by the right hand, and raised him up: and immediately his feet and his ankle-bones received strength. And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk; and he entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.”* (6-9).
 - 3. *“And they took knowledge of him, that it was he that sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.”* (10).
- C. THIS ONLY INTRODUCES SOMETHING STILL GREATER AND MORE PRECIOUS!

MIRACLE EXPLAINED

- A. Not done by the power of the Apostles.
 - 1. “...why fasten ye your eyes on us.....(v. 12)
 - 2. “By faith in **HIS** name was this man made whole.
- B. The fact that the God of their fathers had glorified Jesus is contrasted in that
 - 1. They had delivered him up to do.
 - 2. Their refusal to let him be released, with Pilate’s desire to let him go.
 - 3. Their rejection of one who was holy and just...demanded a murderer free.

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4. And the fact that they killed him.

C. **CONTRASTED** with the fact that he was the **author of life**.

A Prophet Like Moses

A. *"Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me; to him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you" (22) "Yea and all the prophets from Samuel and them that followed after, as many as have spoken, they also told of these days." (24). (Quoted from Deut 18:15ff).*

B. MOSES WAS:

1. Law giver
2. Deliverer....from bondage to promised land.

C. JESUS IS: more precious than gold because:

1. He is our law giver
 2. DELIVERER from bondage of sin ...TO PROMISE LAND OF HEAVEN
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More Precious Than Gold

A. BECAUSE OF WHAT IS OFFERED!

1. Would the beggar have traded his new found health for a few pieces of silver or gold.
2. NO. He had something more precious.

B. *"Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord;" (19).*

1. Repent is the change of will or heart.
2. Shown by what is done.
3. What they did resulted in having their "sins blotted out". In Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus, for the remission of sins."
4. To have their sins blotted out....forgiven is indeed that WHICH IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD!

C. To Abraham, *"and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."* (v. 25).

1. Gal. 3:16.....seed as in one...which is Christ.
 2. The Jew would certainly see the Messiah as more precious than gold.
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CONCLUSION:

1. WE VALUE HEALTH.....WE VALUE THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE.
 2. God used the lame man to teach a lesson on real values.....
 3. WHAT IS MOST PRECIOUS TO YOU?
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