

The Life of the Apostle Peter
Study # 30
The Message at the Temple
Part II: The Call to Repentance
(Acts 3:19-26)

NOTE: This outline will be used for multiple sermons. Please retain your copy.

REVIEW

- THE MIRACLE AT THE TEMPLE (1-10)
- THE MESSAGE AT THE TEMPLE (11-26)
- THE CREDIT FOR THE MIRACLE (11-18)
- THE CALL TO REPENTANCE (19-26)

INTRODUCTION

- Throughout redemptive history, God's spokesmen have called sinners to repentance.

JEREMIAH (Jer. 8:4-5)

EZEKIEL (Ezek. 14:6)

THE PROPHETS IN GENERAL (2 Kings 17:13)

JOHN THE BAPTIST (Mt. 3:1-2)

PETER (Acts 2:38)

PAUL IN EPHESUS (Acts 21:21)

PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA (Acts 26:19-20)

I. The Actions Peter Demands (19-24)

A. The Call to Repent (19A; Mt. 21:28-32)

B. The Consequences of Repentance

1. Removal (19B)

2. Refreshing (19C-24)

a. The Kingdom (19C; Mt. 19:28)

Personal Blessing

National Blessing

b. The King (20-24)

1) His Return to Earth (20, 22-24)

a) Stated by Peter (20)

b) Supported by Prophecy (22-24)

i) The Signs of the Prophet (22; Deut. 18:15;

Jn. 1:21)

Cross References

(In the order of the sermon)

Jeremiah 8:4-5 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return? 5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.

Ezekiel 14:6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

2 Kings 17:13 Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets, and by all the seers, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.

Matthew 3:1-2 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Deuteronomy 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

John 1:21 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

Deuteronomy 18:19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

- ii) **The Subjection of the People (22B-23; Deut. 18:19)**
SOME WILL RECEIVE HIM (22B)
SOME WILL REFUSE HIM
(23; Jn. 1:9-12)

- iii) **The Succession of the Prophecy (24; Jn. 5:39)**

2) **His Interval in Heaven (21)**

a) **The Truth of This Interval**

i) **Stated By Peter**

ii) **Supported by Prophecy**

b) **The Timing of This Interval (Acts 1:7)**

II. The Advantages Peter Declares (25-26)

A. The Privilege of the Jews (25)

1. **Children of the Prophets (Rom. 9:3-5)**

2. **Children of the Promise**

B. The Priority to the Jews (26; Lk. 24:46-48; 12:41-48)

CONCLUSION:

- **The confirmation of the identity of Jesus as the Son of God!**
Jesus' crucifixion (3:18)
Jesus' resurrection (3:26)
Jesus' present ministry (3:21)
Jesus' second coming (3:20)
- **The most beautiful word in this whole chapter is "blotted out" (2 words in English)**
- **It is easy to see in this man an illustration of what salvation is like.**
 1. **In His Birth (Rom. 5:12-21)**
 2. **In His Poverty (Lk. 7:36-50)**
 3. **In His Alienation (Eph. 2:11-12)**
 4. **In His Gracious Healing (Eph. 2:8-9)**
 5. **In His Evidence of Salvation (Acts 3:8; 1 Pet. 2:9)**
 6. **In His Identity with God's People**
(Acts 3:11; 4:14; Heb. 12:22-24)

Blotted Out

Exaleipho (wiped away) pictures the wiping of ink off a document (cf. Col. 2:14). Unlike modern ink, ink in the ancient world had no acid content. Consequently, it did not bite into the papyrus or vellum used for documents. Instead, it remained on the surface where it could easily be wiped away by a damp sponge. God does far more than merely cross out believers' sins, He wipes them away completely. They are gone beyond the possibility of review or recall. Even their horrible sin of rejecting and executing their Messiah was not indelible and could be wiped away. — *MacArthur New Testament Commentary*

Times of Refreshing

The kingdom will be a time of much needed refreshing for Israel. Ezekiel said it would be a time of "showers of blessing" (34:26). Isaiah saw the kingdom as a time when God "will pour water on him that is thirsty" (44:3 kjv). Joel 2 gives a description of the coming of the kingdom, even referring to it as a time of satisfaction (2:26). No people in history have been so ill-treated as the Jewish people. Over the centuries they have endured invasions, deportations, persecutions, and pogroms. All that has culminated in our century in the insane attempt of the Nazis to exterminate them altogether. Although they are back in their own land, their enemies give them no rest. The rest offered by God in the kingdom will fulfill their hearts' desire.— *MacArthur New Testament Commentary*

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repent (vs. 19) *metanaeo* - To change one's mind or purpose. To think differently afterward.

be converted (vs. 19) *epistrepho* - To revert, turn, go back.

blotted (vs. 19) *exaleiphō* - To smear out, to erase, wipe out, obliterate.

refreshing (vs. 19) *anapsuches*. Properly a recovery of breath, i.e. (figurative) revival :- revival. This is the only occurrence in the New Testament. The word means cooling, or reviving with fresh air. (Strong's, Vincent)