

## (7.) THE PRINCE OF LIFE: Acts 3: 12-26.

In Peter's second discourse, seeing the people filled with amazement at the power displayed in the healing of the lame man, and fearing that they might attribute that power to human agency, and not to Christ alone, he disclaims the miracle as the result of any energy or holiness of their own; but proclaimed it to be through faith in the name of JESUS that the man was made strong and perfectly sound.

The name of JESUS is Wonderful and All-sufficient, and in the Bible His titles are two hundred and fourteen in number. The Poets delight in celebrating His Name:—

"How rich, how various, are the names  
Of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Lord!  
What precious titles, honors, claims,  
The Holy Scriptures Him accord!"

"JESUS, the name high over all,  
In hell, or earth, or sky;  
Angels and men before it fall,  
And devils fear and fly!"

"All hail the power of JESUS' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him LORD OF ALL!"

"JESUS, the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease.  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace."

"Lame at the gate I still am found;  
Give, and my strength employ;  
Light as a hart I then shall bound;  
The lame shall leap for joy."

"Behold the blind their sight receive;  
Behold the dead awake and live;  
The dumb speak wonders; and the lame  
Leap like the hart, and bless His Name!"

Peter, continuing his discourse, shews the people their awful sins in delivering up, denying and killing the Prince of Life; whom the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (their own God) hath glorified. For this is His Son Jesus, the Holy and Righteous One, the Messiah, the Prince and Author of all Life, whom they had slain, and preferred a murderer, Barabbas, to Him, although Pilate had declared Jesus innocent.

But notwithstanding these hideous crimes. Peter holds out to them a hope of mercy; as he softly puts it, they and their rulers may have done it through ignorance. He then winds up with an urgent peroration, exhorting them to repent, be converted, and henceforth lead a changed life; and so continue, until the time of refreshing should come; or, in other words, until the restitution, in the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. He warns them to remember that they are the children

of the Prophets and of the Covenant, and that the first offers of salvation through Christ were made to them, that they may be saved from their sins.

C. Y.

## SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

(FOR SABBATH SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES.)

- S met with speedy death for having falsely spoken;  
T would not believe his friends until he saw a token.  
U, for having touched the Ark, immediately was slain;  
V was a Queen, of whose fair face her royal spouse was vain.  
W being very scarce, the people mourned again;  
X, as an initial, my Book doth not contain.

C. Y.

You are doing well. "TRY, TRY AGAIN."

ANSWERS FOR MARCH.—G, Goliath; H, Hazor; I, Ichabod; J, Job; K, Kish; L, Lot.

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