

Lesson IV.

THE LAME MAN HEALED

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Acts 3 : 1-10. Study Acts 3 : 1-16—Memory Verses, 6-8.

Golden Text—The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation.—Ex. 15 : 2.



and praising God : 10 And they knew that it was he which 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.

1 Now Pe'ter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, *being the ninth hour.*

2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple ;

3 Who seeing Pe'ter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

4 And Pe'ter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

6 Then Pe'ter said, Silver and gold have I none ; but such as I have give I thee : In the name of Je'sus Christ of Naz'areth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up : and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

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

9 And all the people saw him walking

THE LESSON RETOLD

One afternoon about three o'clock Peter and John were walking together along the streets of Jerusalem. They were on their way up the hill to worship at the Temple, where the people were already beginning to gather for evening prayers.

Now there was a lame man living in the city who had been a cripple ever since he was born, and he was now about forty years old. Almost every one in the city knew him by sight, for he used to be carried every day by his friends up to the Temple, where they laid him down to beg beside the great bronze gate which was known as the Beautiful Gate of the Temple.

Here he would sit on the ground, day after day, watching the crowds as they passed in to worship. He had been begging so long that people almost forgot to notice him, but sometimes kind persons would stop and give him a little money.

When Peter and John came up the steps and were just about to pass through the

gate, the lame man called out to them to give him something.

The two apostles stopped and Peter spoke to him, saying, "Look here, my man !" The beggar, supposing that the apostles were going to give him money, held out his hand, but Peter, looking at him very earnestly and lovingly, said, "Silver and gold have I none ; but such as I have give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." And he took the lame man by the hand and lifted him up ; and suddenly the man's feet and ankles became strong, and he immediately jumped up and began to walk about, and he followed Peter and John into the Temple courts, walking and leaping and praising God.

And all the people heard him giving thanks to God, and when they saw him walking and running, they said, "Why, this is the very same man whom we know sat for years begging beside the Beautiful Gate !" And they were filled with the