

Chapter 3

A miracle, and a Sermon of Peters to the people, shewing that IESVS is Chrif, and exhorting them to faith in him and pennance for their finnes, and fo they shal haue by him (in Baptifme) the Benediction which was promised to Abraham.

And Peter and Iohn went vp into the Temple, at the ^aninth^houre of praier. ² And a certaine man that was lame from his mothers wombe, was caried; whom they laid euery day at the gate of the Temple, that is called Specious, that he might aske almes of them that went into the Temple. ³ He, when he had feen Peter and Iohn about to enter into the Temple, asked to receiue an almes. ⁴ But Peter with Iohn looking vpon him, faid: Looke vpon vs. ⁵ But he looked earnestly vpon them, hoping that he should receiue something of them. ⁶ But Peter faid: Siluer and gold I haue not, but [♠]that which I haue, the fame I giue to thee: In the name of IESVS CHRIST of Nazareth arife, and walke. ⁷ And taking his right hand, he lifted him vp, and forthwith his feet & foles were made ftrong. ⁸ And fpringing he ftood, & walked; & went in with them into the Temple walking & leaping & praifing God. ⁹ And al the people faw him walking and praifing God. ¹⁰ And they knew him, that it was he which fate for almes at the Specious gate of the Temple: and they were exceedingly aftonifhed and agaft at that that had chanced to him. ¹¹ And as he held Peter and Iohn, al the people ranne to them vnto the porch which is called Salomons, wondering.

¹² But Peter feeing them, made anfwer to the people: Ye men of Ifrael, why maruel you at this, or why looke you vpon vs, as though [♠]by our power or holines we haue made this man to walke? ¹³ The God of Abraham, and the God of Ifaac, and the God of Iacob, the

^a This maketh for diftinction of Canonical houres and diuerfitie of appointed times to pray in. See *Annot. c. 10, 9.*

God of our Fathers hath glorified his Sonne IESVS, whom you indeed deliuered & denied before the face of Pilate, he iudging him to be releafed. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and the Iuft One, and asked a mankiller to be giuen vnto you. ¹⁵ But the Authour of life you killed, whom God hath raifed from the dead, of which we are witneffes. ¹⁶ And in the ^a)faith of his name, this man whom you fee and know, his name hath ftrenghned; & the faith which is by him, hath giuen this perfect health in the fight of al you.

Luc. 23, 18.

¹⁷ And now (Brethren) I know that you did it through ignorance, as alfo your Princes. ¹⁸ But God who forefhewed by the mouth of al the Prophets that his CHRIST fhould fuffer, hath fo fulfilled it. ¹⁹ Be Penitent therefore & cōuert, that your finnes may be put out. ²⁰ That, when the times fhall come of refrefhing by the fight of our Lord, and he fhall fend him that hath been preached vnto you IESVS CHRIST. ²¹ Whom ^b)Heauen truly muft receiue

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vntil the times of the reftitution of al things, which God fpake by the mouth of his holy Prophets from the beginning of the world. ²² Moyfes indeed faid: *That a Prophet fhall the Lord your God raife vp to you of your brethren, as my felf: him you fhall heare according to al things whatfoeuer he fhall fpeake to you.* ²³ And it fhall be, euery foule that fhall not heare that Prophet, fhall be deftroied out of the people. ²³ And al the Prophets from Samuel and afterward that haue fpoken, told of thefe daies. ²⁴ You are the children of the Prophets and of the Teftament which God made to our Fathers, faying to Abraham: *And in thy feed fhall al the families of the earth be bleffed.* ²⁵ To you firft God raifing vp his

Deu. 18, 25.

Gen. 12, 18.

26, 4.

^a This faith was not the faith of the lame man (for he looked only for almes) nor a fpecial faith of the Apoftles own faluation: but the whole beleefe of Chriftian Religion.

^b Some Heretikes foully corrupt this place, thus: *Who muft be contained in Heauen*, of purpofe (as they proteft) to hold Chrift in Heauen from the B. Sacrament. *Beza.* As though his prefence there, drew him out of Heauen. Neither can they pretend the Greeke, which is word for word as in the vulgar Latin, and as we tranflate.

Sonne hath fent him bleffing you: that euery one fhould conuert himfelf from his naughtines.

ANNOTATIONS

6 That which I haue.) This power of working miracles was in Peter, and Peter properly did giue this man his health, though he receiued that force and vertue of God, & in & by him executed the fame. Therefore he faith: *That which I haue, I giue to thee.* And the Heretikes are ridiculous that note here, *a miracle done by Chrift by the handes of the Apoftles*, to make the fimple beleue that they had no more to doe then a dead inftrument in the workemans hand.

Saints doe miracles and the like, but by the power of God.

12 By our power.) When the Apoftles remit finnes or doe any other miracles, they doe it not by any humane, proper, or natural power in themfelues: but of fupernatural force giuen them from aboue, to proue that the faith of Chrift is true, and that he is God whom the Iewes crucified, in whofe name and faith they worke, and not in their owne.