

Acts 3:17-21 - What God Foretold He Fulfilled - 1/22/2023

Review: Miracle healing at the Beautiful Gate of man lame from birth

It's not us / God of Abraham-Isaac-Jacob glorified His Servant
Jesus is the Holy One, the Righteous One, the Author of Life
His Name by faith in His Name made this man whole

I know you acted in ignorance just as your rulers did

What act is in view? (3:13-15 - Denied / Delivered / Killed)

Ignorance: not knowing (Acts 13:26-29 / 1 Corinthians 2:8)

Did Peter absolve them from responsibility? (No)

Ignorance of the Law is no excuse but can be a modifying factor

God graciously gives the killers of His Son a second chance

What God foretold He fulfilled

His Christ: Jesus is God's chosen & anointed One (whether we choose Him)

God foretold by the prophets what His Christ would suffer

Messianic suffering: Psalm 22:1-18 / Isaiah 52:13-53:12

The Predestined Saving sacrifice of the Son of God (Acts 2:23)

He (God) thus fulfilled

God's prophecy fulfillment track record = 100% (Luke 24:45-46)

Old Testament = time of anticipation / New Test = time of fulfillment

Repent therefore

Divine amnesty offer: free offer of restoration

Therefore: but a specific response is required to what God has done

Repent: change your perspective / mind / attitude (Acts 2:38)

Turn back: return, turn around (radical change of life direction)

Three promised If / Then conditional blessings connected to repentance

That your sins may be blotted out (smeared out, expunged)

That times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord

Literal: times of refreshing breezes

Times of revival before the Second Coming

That He may send the Christ appointed for you

That God the Father will send Christ to this world again

Matthew 24:36 / Acts 1:7

Whom Heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things

Christ must remain in Heaven until the Second Coming (1 Cor 15:22-28)

The Second Coming brings final restoration (not the Millennium)

God spoke about it long ago (Isaiah 66:22-24 / 2 Peter 3:10-13)

Application For Today:

Trust: in the faithfulness of God to fulfill all that He has promised

Repent: when you sin to receive times of refreshing from Him

Wait: on the Lord for the return of Christ and the restoration of all things