

Power From on High

Series: Power From On High. **Text:** Acts 3:18-26
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Lesson: 28

18 “But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

“**But**” - Sets up a contrast with the previous statement.

Acts 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

God uses man's _____ to fulfill His plan.



19 “Therefore repent and return,

“repent”

Repentance means a change of mind about two things.

1. About ourselves.
2. About Jesus

“return” [epistrepho] - Acts 15:3 “conversion”

Salvation comes by turning away from our sin and exercising faith in Jesus Christ.

Two additional truths:

1. Peter does not mention works.

Romans 3:20 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.

Discussion Guide

1. Based on verse 21, how should we define “inspiration”?
2. Discuss “Repent and return” as it relates to salvation. How are they different and yet how do they work together?
3. What is the difference between God covering sin in the O.T. and Him wiping it away in the N.T.?
4. Reread Peter’s sermon and summarize the key elements of the gospel and how they apply to us today.
5. Based on Peter’s first two sermons, why can we be confident that the church has not replaced Israel? Why do they still have a key role in God’s redemptive plan?

ANSWERS: sin, forgiveness, kingdom, judgment, Christ, transforms, replaced

Implications

1. True conversion _____ our lives.

26 “For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by **turning** every one of you **from your wicked ways**.

“**turning**” is the same root word that we saw in verse 19 - “Repent and **RETURN**”

2. The church has not _____ Israel.

25 “It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers

Romans 11:29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Romans 11:25–26 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel **UNTIL** the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; 26 and so **all Israel will be saved**; just as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.”

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

2. Peter does not mention baptism.

“**believed**” with no mention of baptism - Acts 4:4, 32: 8:12, 13; 8:37; 9:42; 10:43; 11:21

Three reasons why Israel should repent:

1. For the _____ of sin.

19 “Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

“**wiped away**,” [exaleipho] - ESV / KJV - “blotted out”

Col 2:14 - God “cancelled” our debt

Hebrews 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Only God can wipe away our sins.

Isaiah 43:25 “I, even I, am the one who **wipes out** your transgressions for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.”

2. Jesus will return to set up the _____

in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

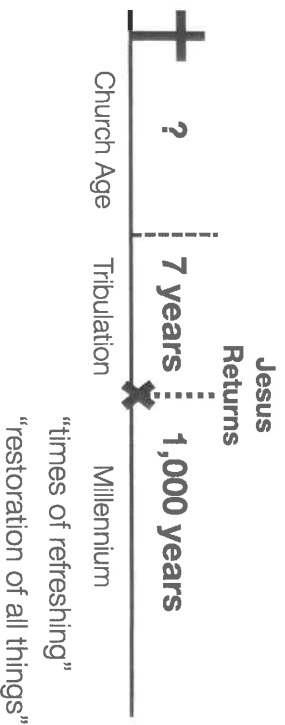
“times of refreshing”

“presence of the Lord”

20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,
21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things ...

“send Jesus”

“restoration of all things”



3. _____ will be avoided.

23 'And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet (Jesus) shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

This is a quote from Deut. 18:19

24 "And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, also announced these days.

25 "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'

“seed” - Gal 3:16 - _____

26 "For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways."

22 "Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you.

This is a quote from (Deut 18:15)

Why did Peter choose this passage

1. Moses was their first prophet and their greatest hero.

2. Moses speaks of a future prophet like him (Jesus).

- He will be raised up by God like Moses
- He will be raised up for Israel like Moses
- He will be a prophet like Moses
- He will be Jewish like Moses
- He will be worthy of being heard and obeyed like Moses
- Jesus will give divine revelation like Moses
- Jesus will lead His people like Moses
- Jesus will escape death as a baby like Moses
- Jesus will renounce a royal court like Moses
- Jesus will be a mediator of a covenant like Moses

Jeremiah 23:5-6 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the land. 6 "In His days **Judah will be saved**, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The Lord our righteousness.'

Matthew 23:39 "For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' "

What will the Millennium be like?

Acts 1:6-7 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or **epochs** which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

"fixed" -

(19) **"refreshing"** - Exodus 8:15 "relief"

21 whom heaven must receive until the period of **restoration of all things** about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

What will the Millennium be like?

Romans 8:20-21 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

Isaiah 11:6-10 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fating together; And a little boy will lead them. 7 Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. 9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea. 10 Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.

The whole world will become a flourishing garden.

Isaiah 35:1 The wilderness and the desert will be glad, And the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus

Every disease and ailment will be healed.

5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.

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Jerusalem will be the center of worship

10 And the ransomed of the Lord will return And come with joyful shouting to Zion, With everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, And sorrow and sighing will flee away.

20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ **appointed** for you, 21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things ...

"appointed" - perfect tense - Determined in eternity past

Romans 9:4-5 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

"prophets"

This is the definition of inspiration.

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