## **Trapped in Life's Cycles**

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Main Scripture: Acts 3: 1-19

Supporting Scriptures: Luke 5: 31-32; John 10: 10; John 20: 31;

References: Luke 18: 1; Romans 5: 5; Psalm 51: 5; Matthew 28: 18; Philippians 2: 10-12; Revelation 3: 17

## Notes:

It's a wonderful day to be in the presence of the Lord. It is the Lord that draws you to hear HIm. It's in the mind of God to extend life to you and change you and save you. What a wonderful thing that He has included me this morning. Jesus, I thank you for Life. God inhabits our praise open your mouth in confidence and begin to praise the Lord. Something happens when you call on the name of Jesus. He has given me a life-giving Spirit. The name of the Lord Jesus is the only name that makes the difference. An excellent name that gives life and changes you for eternity. If you ever cast your faith in this name, you talk about atomic power, I want to let you know there is energy beyond that in the name of Jesus Christ. If this name ever gets in you you will be brought from this earth to the realms of eternity. Those that put their trust in Him will never be the same again. Whosever put their trust in God will have everlasting life. Life is in the name of Jesus Christ. You haven't started living until you come in contact with the name of Jesus Christ. The one who comes to seek and save those who are lost.

We're talking about the name this morning that gives life. The name that raises a man from dead works to life. Jesus came to those who are trapped and can't deliver themselves.

John is talking about a life that is not trapped in time. By simply believing in the NAME OF JESUS you will have life.

## Acts 3

Luke wants to understand that the disciples of Jesus were given to prayer and they went up to the temple in unity. How fitting is the name of that gate called beautiful but we are looking at a horrific situation. A lame man from his mother's womb would be laid daily at the temple. The only men that would carry him to the temple would be men heading to the temple. A man born lame from his mother's womb. All that he could receive from the crowd was that when he stretched his hands and asked they could give him something. He was trapped in a cycle of defeat. His life was dependent on what people could offer him. So is it that there are people that are trapped in a cycle. People who need a change but every day they are experiencing the same situation. Unable to deliver themselves from the cycle they are trapped in. They are emotionally crippled, they have to head for a 6 pack or for drugs. Trying to sedate their minds to bring themselves to a point where they can accept themselves. They are ignored by everyone. We get this idea that no one seems to take the responsibility to ensure he wouldn't become a beggar. He was disqualified from the temple. Here Peter and John are heading to the temple to pray. Here is the man only stretching his hands and not looking at them in the eyes feeling rejected he could not look in confidence to ask. Such it is that there are some of us in life that is in a life of defeat and shame and guilt. Rejected by parents and loved ones and partners and now you are living a life of defeat. Trapped in a cycle. But there is power in the name of Jesus Christ.

Peter sees the need of the world that needs deliverance but the eyes of the church see the need of an individual not just for silver and gold but offers what is needed.

I am speaking to someone who is crippled this morning and trapped. Perhaps you know you are trapped under a cycle of defeat but I come to tell you the word of God is coming in your direction. The only thing that is speaking to you is the man Christ Jesus. There is life in His name. If this man Christ Jesus ever gets a hold of your name you will never be the same. This is a different experience for the man, in stead of just stretching his hands with his head down Peter said look up.

The church doesn't travel with things from this realm. Jesus gave us power, not silver and gold. The holy ghost comes to give you power over sickness and darkness. Some want deliverance from this realm and many cross the path seeking those who are involved in witchcraft. I am preaching that there is no power in your oils and demons but all power is given to Jesus.

God didn't give us a message for an assembly but he gave us a message for the kingdom of God. Many churches are preaching for silver and gold-rich but poor,

The authority and power of Jesus are in the word of God in the church. like Cornelius who needed a Peter to preach to him.

We have folks who want the power of Jesus but don't have the compassion of Jesus. We just want to say something and watch something happen but don't want to put our hands in it. Peter took the man by the right hand. The spirit of compassion requires effort from the believer.

One word from the man of God. One statement hitting the ear of the man born lame trapped in the cycle to get up and get up and walk.

There is something supernatural about the name of Jesus I speak to someone struggling today to be loosed - rise up and walk and come out of your cycle of defeat and be delivered. When deliverance comes your way you will have a leap and a shout a vibrancy in your spirit it's not a slow getting up but it's more like atomic energy hitting your body. This word will lose you and set you free. You will get up from your sick condition. I come in the name of the Lord and to tell you to be loosed from your infirmity.

Be loosed from that negative thought and be delivered in the name of Jesus Christ. You had such a filthy dream and the powers of darkness working against you but I know a man who gave me power over demons and darkness be delivered in Jesus Name.

We live in a dark world where men will believe in the powers of darkness but I know of only one power over every other name (Philippians 2: 10-12)

This deliverance is coming to make you leap and jump and praise Him. if it was silver and gold that set you free you would be trapped in that but It's Jesus that set you free and it leaves praise on your lips.

Let the chains be broken!

I remember my father came here visiting and he had this problem they call it ago and you have to wrap him in blankets and it took time for it to leave him but there is power in the name of Jesus. I want to talk to someone who doesn't even know there is something working against you. 3- 4 years ago in Canada and the holy ghost showed me something "Son that thing that's affecting your father is affecting him from he was a boy it was sent against him from he was a young boy" I got up my father was with me and about three days later he had another attack and I was there and I said Dad has this thing been affecting you from a boy he said yes son. I said yes the Holy ghost said you have been experiencing this since you were a boy and it was sent against you. Some of us are trapped by demonic forces but I know no other name but the name of Jesus Christ. I come to tell you deliverance is at your door. The Lord is here this morning.

When Jesus does his work, men are amazing and have to stand back in awe. When Jesus set you free he set you free for life. You better know how to handle this deliverance. You want to stand tall and live you want to feel good life - have faith in the name of Jesus Christ.

The time of refreshing is here right now what you need to do is to repent. All of us are guilty but if we are broken before him and place our faith in him we can have deliverance.