

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Doctrine and Duty for Disciples Series

Acts of the Apostles

"Miracles: Healed and Restored"

Acts 9:32-43

Aeneas Healed

32 Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. 33 There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. 35 So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Dorcas Restored to Life

36 At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. 37 But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. 39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. 41 Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. 42 And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. 43 So it was that he stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

Study Guide Discussion:

1. Many preachers today perform "healings" in the name of Jesus. Do you suppose this example of Aeneas being healed, encourages others to perform the miracle of healing the sick, or is there another purpose?
2. In this example of Aeneas healing, what evidence makes it obvious that this was a miracle from God (his sickness, his healing, others' response)? Can you use this example to help you discern if a "healing" is truly from the Lord today?
3. What do we know about Tabitha? (v. 36-43) Whom did she serve?
4. What good works and charitable deeds will you do to serve your church?
5. In both instances, Aeneas being healed and the Tabitha's life being restored brought honor and glory to God. Many then believed and turned to the Lord. Reflect and share, has God healed or restored you? If so, how does this bring honor and glory to God? Have others come to know Him through your life?