

## Acts of Jesus, Lesson 10: Where God's Power Flows

### 1. We're going to pick up where we left off last time in our continuing study of Acts and will be starting chapter 3 today.

- Here we come across the first occasion for a large gathering of people around believers following Pentecost, and, as I understand it, not many days have passed since the Spirit fell and created the Church. **Acts 3:1-10**

### 2. The simple and single question that we are going to answer together is: where does power like that flow?

- The first answer to that question is: (this one's going to floor you) God's power flows where He is.
  - For nearly a thousand years if you asked a Jew where God's presence was where would he have pointed? Temple mount.
  - Consider this lame man's predicament: God's presence - Life Himself - Power unlimited. All the Solutions to any problem or situation was just a few feet away inside the Temple and this man was just outside of it and that for over 40 years!!
  - His proximity to God's presence had only afforded him some money in his pocket and food on his table and he had no idea or hope that it would provide him anything else.
  - He is a picture of the Jewish nation---so close and yet so far - had essentially profited only financially over the years from that potential.
- But now something had changed---when Jesus spoke the words, "It is finished" the Bible says the curtain that had separated the Holy of Holies from Holy Place was torn in two from top to bottom.
  - God couldn't just let His presence spill out over mankind prior to Jesus else His holiness would have wiped man out like light
  - cancels out darkness.
  - Now God was free to act as He always wanted to.
  - Now He had taken up residence in His true temple === the Hearts of Men!!

### 3. The second answer to the question "Where does God's power flow?"= God's power flows where there is expectancy.

- You are familiar with this verse: **Eph. 3:20**. Do you believe that's true?
- Too many times we come to church expecting nothing from God. **Heb. 11:6**

#### → **James 1:5-8, I Tim. 2:8**

- Expect Him to do what is right and best for us (no matter what the circumstances look like!!)
- Expect Him to be God
- Hudson Taylor's life motto: "**Attempt great things for God, Expect Great things from God!**"
- How insulting to you suppose it is to Him when we expect so little of Him?