



Acts: *In the Present Tense*

Acts 3

While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our

own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus. You handed Him over to be killed, and you disowned Him before Pilate, though he had decided to let Him go.

You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong.

It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has given this complete healing to Him, as you can all see. Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what He had foretold through all the prophets, saying

that His Christ would suffer.
Repent, then, and turn to God, so
that your sins may be wiped out,
that times of refreshing may come
from the Lord, and that He may
send the Christ, who has been
appointed for you – even Jesus. He
must remain in heaven until the

time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets. For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything He tells you.'

Anyone who does not listen to Him will be completely cut off from among his people.' Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to

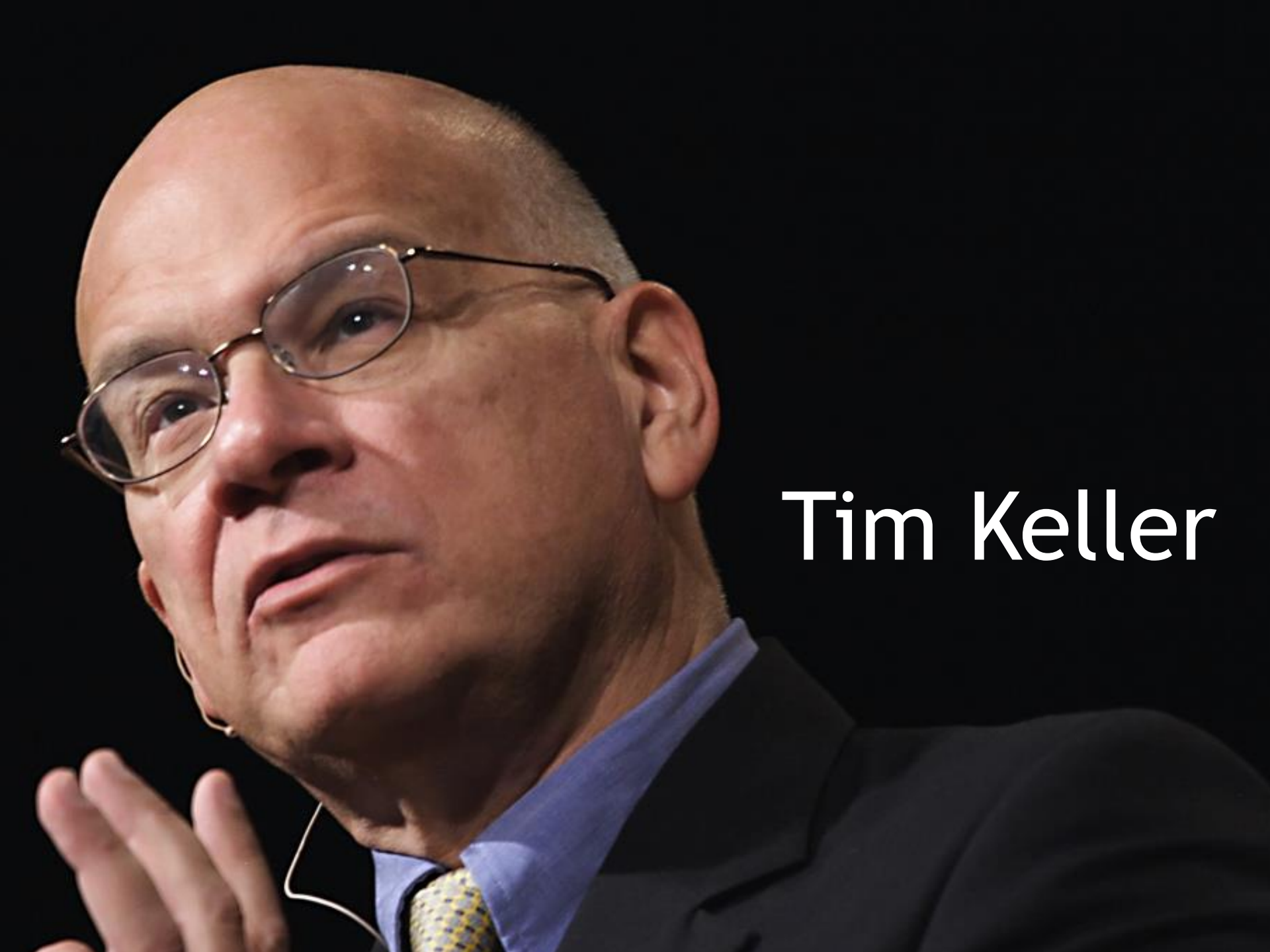
Abraham, 'Through your offspring
all peoples on earth will be blessed.'

When God raise up His servant,
He sent Him first to you to bless
you by turning each of you from
your wicked ways."



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Tim Keller

1. UPWARD: To God's confirmation of Jesus

A c t s : I n t h e P r e s e n t T e n s e

How shall we escape if we neglect
such a great salvation? It was
declared at first by the Lord, and it
was attested to us by those who
heard, while God also bore witness
by signs and wonders and various
miracles and by gifts of the Holy
Spirit.

Hebrews 2:3-4

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2. FORWARD: To a future restoration

Then the eyes of the blind will be
opened and the ears of the deaf
unstopped. Then will the lame leap
like a deer, and the mute tongue
shout for joy. Water will gush
forth in the wilderness and streams
in the desert. The burning sand
will become a pool, the thirsty

ground bubbling springs. In the
haunts where the jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will
grow.

Isaiah 35:5-7

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1. UPWARD: To God's confirmation of Jesus
2. FORWARD: To a future restoration
3. INWARD: To our soul's need of salvation

*As bad as suffering is....there is
something worse. As great as
physical healing is...there is
something better.*

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4. DOWNWARD: To the world through Christ's mission

I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:24

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Does God still perform miracles
today?

Should these miracles become our
everyday expectation?

Why would God perform a miracle
today?

A black and white portrait of a woman with short, curly hair, wearing glasses and smiling. The background is dark and out of focus.

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