

5 REASONS WHY MEN OUGHT TO REPENT — ACTS 3:19-26

1 THEIR SIN WILL BE FORGIVEN

Ac.3:19

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- David cried out, 'Blot out all my iniquity' (**Ps.51:9**). What David asked for could not be done.
- Under the old covenant, sin did not get blotted out. It only got covered up for a while through the sacrifices.
- Until Jesus came, nobody's sins got blotted out. Only Christ could blot it out (**Cl.2:13-14**, "nailed it to the cross").
- **Romans 8:1**, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."

2 THE KINGDOM WILL COME

Ac.3:19

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- The "times of refreshing" is a reference to the earthly millennial kingdom.
- David was promised that he would have one of his own seed who would sit on his throne in Jerusalem.
- The Jews have long waited for Messiah to come. Finally, their Messiah came and they rejected Him.
- God said you cannot have the kingdom if you will not have the King. They must repent before the kingdom could come.

3 THE MESSIAH WILL RETURN

Ac.3:20-21

²⁰and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

- The millennial kingdom cannot come apart from the Messiah. In the OT there is no prophecy of a kingdom without a Messiah.
- The king and kingdom always come together, and they always await the conversion of Israel (**Mt.23:39**).
- Their Messiah will not come, with the kingdom, until they say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" (**Mt.23:39**).

4 JUDGMENT WILL BE AVOIDED

Ac.3:22-24

²²For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN. HIM YOU SHALL HEAR IN ALL THINGS, WHATEVER HE SAYS TO YOU. ²³AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERY SOUL WHO WILL NOT HEAR THAT PROPHET SHALL BE UTTERLY DESTROYED FROM AMONG THE PEOPLE.' ²⁴Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.

- Peter uses Moses, as their first prophet, to show them they need to repent in order to avoid judgment (**Du.18:15,19**).
- When He arrives, believe Him or you will be destroyed. There is no salvation in any other than Jesus Christ (**Ac.4:12**).
- It is a great heartbreaking thing that Jews are missing out on all the things they have dreamed all their life because they rejected Jesus. They will die and spend an eternity in hell.

5 PROMISED BLESSING WILL BE REALIZED

Ac.3:25-26

²⁵You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.' ²⁶To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

- You are the sons of the prophets and the covenants. He did all this for you, and you refuse to believe (**Ac.4:1-3**).
- You better change your mind about Jesus and then you can receive all the blessing of God because every blessing promised to Israel is passed onto us in Christ.