

# The Healing of the Man Born Blind

John 9:1-7

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## 1. Blindness and Sin (1-2)

### a. Blind from Birth (1)

- i. The fact that the man was blind from birth is a critical part of this account.
- ii. Never before had one born blind been healed of his blindness (32).
- iii. Jesus sovereignly chooses this man to be an illustration of the spiritual condition of lost humanity, spiritually blind from birth.

### b. The Reason for the Blindness (2)

- i. The disciples immediately associate his blindness as punishment for sin.
- ii. In one sense, all illness is a result of the curse of sin.
- iii. It is also true that sometimes God uses illness and adversity to chasten us (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:30).
- iv. But, to assume that illness and adversity are always the chastening of God is not Scripturally accurate.
- v. Job was a righteous man despite his sufferings.
- vi. Paul experienced a physical affliction that God chose not to remove (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:7-9).

## 2. Blindness and the Works of God (3-5)

- a. Jesus makes it clear that we ought to be very careful before we assume that someone is experiencing a hardship due to the chastening of God (3a).
- b. The man's blindness was an opportunity to manifest the works of God (3b).
  - i. The afflicted individual has the opportunity to take a front row seat in witnessing God's work.
  - ii. The afflicted individual has the opportunity to become a witness of the power of God to the rest of the world.
- c. Jesus makes it clear that His purpose for healing the man born blind is greater than one man (4-5).
  - i. The reason Jesus chose to heal the blind man was do the work of God (4).
    1. Jesus' mission was urgent.
    2. Jesus has delegated that mission to us, and it remains urgent.
  - ii. That work is to be a light to a world in darkness (5).
    1. Jesus is the light of the world.
    2. We are to reflect that light to this lost world.

## 3. Blindness and the Intervention of Jesus (6-7)

- a. As the Creator, Jesus can restore what we have lost (6).
  - i. Just as the Son of God created us from the dust of the ground, He has the power to recreate us.
    1. 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
  - ii. Jesus can open eyes that have been blinded by sin.
- b. As the Sent One, Jesus sends the blind man to the pool of Siloam to receive his sight (7).
  - i. What is clearly on display is that Jesus is the answer to man's spiritual blindness.
  - ii. Jesus is the One sent by God to open the eyes of the lost man, spiritually blind from birth.

### Conclusion:

1. Are you willing to yield your trial to God as an opportunity to experience the Grace of God?
2. Are you willing to yield your trial to God as an instrument to display the Grace of God to a lost world?
3. Are you still spiritually blind to the Light of the World?