

A Blind Man Who Sees

Introduction

Text: **John 9**

1. **This morning we are going to examine the qualities of a blind man that was healed by Jesus.**
 - A. **Often times we see a man healed by Jesus and then challenged by the religious leaders about what had happened.**
 - 1) **While this is true, there is so much more to be learned from this small, but significant miracle that was done.**
 - B. **What happened was more than just a blind man being made to see.**
2. **Jesus performed this miracle for a reason:**

John 9:3that the works of God should be revealed in him.

- A. **This coincides with why John recorded this miracle:**

John 20:30-31 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written **that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**

- B. **We will see that was certainly one result of the miracle, but there are other lessons and results of that same miracle and we will consider those also.**

3. This morning, let us not only look at what happened, but let us also see what the blind man saw.

A. Let's make sure that our eyes are wide open to the truths that are revealed in scripture. Let it not be said of any of us:

Matthew 13:15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them.'

The Blind Man

1. Let's begin by looking at what is known about him.

A. His condition.

1) We do not know his name or much about him. But we do know that he was blind from birth (v.1) and that he begged for a living (v.8).

B. His situation.

- 1) **It is interesting that some of Jesus' disciples, when they saw the blind man asked Jesus:**

John 9:2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

- 2) **The religious leaders (Pharisees) who would question him later would say to him:**

John 9:34 "You were completely born in sins...."

- 3) **But Jesus answered His disciples earlier:**

John 9:3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned...."

- 4) **They were mistaken in believing that sin was the cause of his being born blind.**

- 1) **Now think about that for just a moment:**

- a. **These disciples and the religious leaders were attributing sin to this man **even before he was born!****

- 5) **Jesus said sin was not the reason he was blind. Yes, he most certainly had sin in his life as we all do (Romans 3:23) – but sin was not the cause of him being blind.**

2. The Miracle.

A. The miracle that was done for the blind man was very simple.

1) Jesus made clay with his own spit and the dirt and put it on the eyes of the man, telling him to go to the pool of Siloam and wash.

2) The man obeyed, coming back seeing!

B. Many of the people who knew this man and his condition, recognized the miracle and were unwilling to believe it.

John 9:8-10

1) The Pharisees who questioned him did not believe his very own words – calling for his parents to find out whether he was really born blind or not (v.18).

2) This still was not enough.

a. They called for the man again to hear him retell the story (v.24-26)

C. As much as they wanted to deny what had been done, they could not; there were too many witnesses that testified to the truth of the matter.

What the Blind Man Saw

1. **He saw no reason to deny Jesus (v.11).**

A. **He had no personal difficulties telling others the truth.**

John 9:11 He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."

B. **What we can learn:**

1) **We are often asked about things that relate to our service to the Lord**

a. **We may be fearful of speaking the truth about it.**

b. **If someone comments about how we are blessed, or our demeanor, or praise our children – do we give Jesus the credit.**

c. **If someone asks about religious matters, are we eager to them about Jesus or are we fearful about what they may think?**

2) **Never deny Jesus before men, nor deny Him the honor.**

Matthew 10:32-33

2. He saw that it was a great work (v.25, 30)

- A. When he was asked the second time by the Pharisees about the miracle, he refused to make unfounded accusations against Jesus (WHOM HE DID NOT KNOW). He spoke boldly about what he did know:**

John 9:25 He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: **that though I was blind, now I see.**"

- 1) He repeated his knowledge of this deed later, when they claimed they did not know who Jesus was (v.30).**
- 2) His interrogators denied the obvious – he stated what was clear to all!**

B. What we can learn:

- 1) When presented with opportunities to proclaim the truth about God's great works, will we do it?**
 - a. Creation**
 - b. Salvation**
- 2) We should always be willing and ready to point others to the great works that God has accomplished.**

Psalms 19:1 **The heavens declare the glory of God;** And the firmament shows His handiwork.

Psalms 40:5 **Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done;** And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.

3. He saw Jesus was a Prophet of God (v.17, 33)**A. When the man told the Pharisees how Jesus had opened his eyes, they asked him:**

John 9:17 “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?.....”

- 1) He simply replied: “He is a prophet.”
- 2) The man knew that something great had been done and he attributed it to a man of God, a prophet.
- 3) When he was later questioned about the miracle, revealing their ignorance, he said:

John 9:33 “If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

- a. He stated the obvious and something they could have admitted themselves – if they were honest.

B. What we can learn:

- 1) What do we say about Jesus today? Are we bold enough to tell others who we think Jesus is?
 - a. Do we see Jesus as a true Prophet? Do we sincerely recognize that He was sent from God?
- 2) Always be willing and ready to tell others about who Jesus is and that we believe He was sent from God!
1 Peter 3:15
John 20:30-31

4. He saw truth was more important than man's approval (v.22-27)

A. His parents when questioned about their son only said that he was blind since birth and had no idea how he could see again.

- 1) If blind since birth – would you not joyously tell your parents how you can now see?**
- 2) His parents wanted no part in mentioning Jesus because they did not want to be kicked out of the synagogue.**
- 3) When the man was questioned yet again he was bold in the recollection of the events and said to them:**

John 9:27 “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

- a. The man feared God and NOT the actions of these pitiful men.**

B. What we can learn:

- 1) We may be put in a similar position today.**
 - a. Stating the plain facts concerning God's word and suffering the consequences of society's rejection.**
 - b. OR, to be silent and win man's approval.**
- 2) Be willing to speak the truth because we will answer to God someday. Never bow to pressures around us.**
2 Timothy 4:2-4

5. He saw Jesus was worthy of belief and worship (v.35-38).

- A. When the man was cast out of the synagogue for telling the truth, and Jesus heard about it, He came to the man and asked him:**

John 9:35-38 "Do you believe in the Son of God?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?" And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you." Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.

- 1) The man did not care what his parents had done.**
- 2) He did not care what the respected religious leaders of the day had done.**
- 3) He did not care what consequences may have followed.**
 - a. He believed in Jesus and he worshiped Him!**

B. What we can learn:

- 1) What will we do with Jesus?**
- 2) Will we believe that the gospel story is credible?**
- 3) If so, will we honor Him and be compelled to worship Him in the proper spirit and truth (John 4:24)?**
- 4) We should always be willing and ready to confess our belief in Jesus Christ – the Son of God and worship Him as Lord and Savior.**

John 8:24

Revelation 5:12

Conclusion

1. The sad conclusion of this story is that this blind man saw more than those who had lived with sight their entire lives!

A. After the statement of this man's belief in Him, Jesus said:

John 9:39 "For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind."

1) Hearing this, the Pharisees asked:

John 9:40 "Are we blind also?"

a. Jesus then said:

John 9:41 "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains."

2. The problem was, they WOULD NOT see. It wasn't that they could not see.

Matthew 13:13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because **seeing they do not see**, and **hearing they do not hear**, nor do they understand.

3. May we all learn some very important lessons from this story.

A. Never deny Jesus – recognize and point others to God.

B. Recognize the value of truth over the approval of men.

C. Recognize Jesus as being worthy of our belief and worship.

4. Do we really SEE what the blind man SAW?

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