

John 9

Spiritually Blind

Welcome back and here we go!

As we first noted, John is all about showing the diety of Christ. Jesus is God, the Great I Am.

Today, we look at the miracle of sight given to a man blind from birth! Of all His miracles, this is the 6th of 7 signs by Jesus, as recorded by John --- signs that point to the diety of Jesus Christ.

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- 1) Why do people tend to think problems, suffering, brokenness, come from personal sin?

Most people ascribe to the effect and consequence theory. That is for every action there is a consequence. I also believe that, but not to the extreme of many others. Sometimes, the consequence is Divine Chastisement, Phase 1 and Phase 2 --- pricking of your conscience and loss of peace leading to repentance --- rather than a flat tire, or a broken arm 3 weeks, 6 months or 10 years later. That is the theory of an angry God.

Luke 13:1-5

Things happen and I tell you...

John 9:3-5

- 2) Why does God allow suffering?

All Christian suffering serves one of two purposes: 1. Glorify God 2. Get your attention.

But moving on with our study, this is not really a study on suffering. Jesus gives this man two healings: physical blindness (verse 7) and spiritual (verses 35-38).

Isaiah 6:8-10

Luke 8:9-10

So while some are healed...

John 9:40-41

Some remain blind, which leads us to the thrust of our study: spiritual blindness. Why do some get it and some don't? What prevents a person from having understanding and accepting spiritual truth?

You know for this guy, ex-communication from the temple and church were real prospects!

3) What prevents a person from seeing spiritual truth?

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

It truly is the Holy Spirit that provides understanding for spiritual truth. Many people try to understand according to the natural man or woman. They apply education, experience, feelings, emotions and everything else available in Satan's cosmic system of misinformation, delusion, manipulation and lies. The enemy works in half truths. Jesus said: "*I am the way, the truth, and the life...*".

Holy Spirit exercise
"Open Spiritual eyes"

John 14:25-26

John 16:12-15

4) What do you feel the Spirit is telling you?

Sometimes we have amazing breakthroughs; sometimes it is hard to hear, because of the noise in our head. I do encourage you to try this often.

Jesus said: "*Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?*" Luke 6:39

Jesus is still in the miracle business, even if you are suffering. He is the same.

5) If you could ask God a question, what would it be?

Let's pray.