

John 9: Jesus Heals A Blind Man:

1. (1-5) The blind man.

The disciples thought the man's disability was a result of personal sin (before he was even born) or as an inherited-parental sinful consequence. Disease and suffering exist because humanity and creation are fallen; God had a plan to send Jesus to heal and above all to save (all humanity and creation).

2. (6-7) The man is healed.

The blind man did not come to Jesus and ask to be healed (all he could see was darkness). Jesus came to heal him in a very unique and the least expected way ever (maybe he had tried all options in vain but had never lost hope of having sight).

3. (8-34) The reaction to the miracle.

The **neighbours** couldn't believe it, the **Pharisees** are offended because the miracle was performed on the Sabbath (labelling Christ a sinner) and the parents fear to give credit to Jesus. But the **healed man** stands to testify; I was blind, but now I see, Jesus Christ has performed a miracle that has never happened before, so He cannot be a sinner and must be from God. As a result he was not allowed in the Temple or Synagogue for prayer and fellowship.

4. (35-41) The healed man believes and worships.

The healed man has an increasing awareness of who Jesus is; *a man called Jesus, He is a prophet, a man from God, the Son of God* and then He believes in Him and worships. Those who admit their spiritual blindness can find sight in Jesus. But **those who think they see (yet reject Jesus) remain blind**.

Three key lessons from this chapter:

- i. We are all spiritually blind (sinful) from birth; Jesus brought healing; forgiveness and understanding of God.

John 12:40 - *"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their hearts, lest they should see with their eyes, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them [Isaiah 6:10]."*

Matthew 6:22-23 - *"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"*

Psalm 146:8 - *The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD raises those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.*

- ii. We should boldly and plainly testify of His work in our lives (give God the glory).

Psalm 9:1 - *I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvellous works.*

1 John 5:11 - *And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.*

- iii. When we grow in His knowledge, we worship.

2 Peter 3:17-18 - *You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.*

Revelation 12:11 - *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*