

Blind, Yet Able to See

Week 26 - John 9:1-9

John 9:1 As he was walking along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 "Master," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it a result of his own sins or those of his parents?" 3 "Neither," Jesus answered. "But to demonstrate the power of God. 4 All of us must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent me, for there is little time left before the night falls and all work comes to an end. 5 But while I am still here in the world, I give it my light." 6 Then he spat on the ground and made mud from the spittle and smoothed the mud over the blind man's eyes, 7 and told him, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam" (the word Siloam means "Sent"). So the man went where he was sent and washed and came back seeing! 8 His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, "Is this the same fellow-that beggar?" 9 Some said yes, and some said no. "It can't be the same man," they thought, "but he surely looks like him!" And the beggar said, "I am the same man!"

- Jesus used miracles and difficult situations to launch **spiritual** truth.
- Why miracles? I believe they were His **credentials** to prove who He was-- the Messiah, the Son of God.
- The blind receiving their sight was a Biblical sign of the coming **Messiah**.
- **Selfishness** is a main cause of missing out on helping others.
- The miracle that day was not the blind getting sight. The miracle was the man meeting Jesus, and his **heart** opening up to his Savior.
- Soon he would confess with his mouth the Lord Jesus and it would cost him **everything**.
- Obedience is truly a sign of **faith**.
- Delayed obedience is also called **disobedience**.

The **Confrontation** and the Need for **Deliverance**

Jesus healed differently at times so we would not **deify** the method instead of the Master.

Why the mud?

- It may be that we started with dust and will end with dust. Siloam means "**sent**".
- It may also be for the man to show his willingness to **trust** what Jesus said.
- It may be that he just wanted to test the **religious** and their response, in order to reveal their own lack of faith.

Three things to notice about this case:

1. It was **difficult**.
2. The case was **debatable**.
In this man's case, there was a higher cause for his blindness--**God's glory**.
3. It was a **deliberate** case.
It was planned in heaven with a **divine** purpose.
First it has to be about God being **revealed** in human life.

We may not understand why God allows suffering but we can know these three truths:

1. God is too loving to be **unkind**
2. God is too **wise** to make mistakes.
3. God is too **powerful** to be frustrated in His infinite purpose.
 - The Christian simply adjusts to the purpose of God even when it's **unknown**.
 - God's plan for the blind man was already known by God, and it was to be implemented in God's **timing**.
 - It had to match up with Jesus being on earth.
 - It revealed God's **truth** in human life.

Here come the Pharisees and the clash...

1. They attack the man's **faith**.
The clash is between those ruled by **legalism** and those ruled by **logic**.
2. They attack his **family**.
3. They attack the man **himself**.

Final thought:

Some folks are born blind. Some become blind because of circumstances. But others are blind because they simply choose to be.