

DEFEATING SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

John 9

Either Or Thinking

John 9:1 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth.

2 “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?”

3 “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.

John 9:3 (The Message) Jesus said, “You’re asking the wrong question. You’re looking for someone to blame. There is no such cause-effect here. Look instead for what God can do.

God At All Times

John 9:6 Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes.

7 He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

John 14:21 Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”

See What _____ Refuse To See

John 9:18 The Jewish leaders still refused to believe the man had been blind and could now see, so they called in his parents.

John 9:24 So for the second time they called in the man who had been blind and told him, “God should get the glory for this, because we know this man Jesus is a sinner.”

25 “I don’t know whether he is a sinner,” the man replied. “But I know this: I was blind, and now I can see!”

Ezekiel 12:2 “Son of man, you live among rebels who have eyes but refuse to see. They have ears but refuse to hear. For they are a rebellious people.

Up Your Life To Worship Jesus

John 9:35 When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?*

36 The man answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.”

37 “You have seen him,” Jesus said, “and he is speaking to you!”

38 “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

John 12:46 I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.

Notice The Progression

John 9:11 He told them, “**The man** they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!”

John 9:17 Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, “What’s your opinion about this man who healed you?” The man replied, “I think he must be **a prophet.**”

John 9:38 “**Yes, Lord,** I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

John 9:39 Then Jesus told him,* “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind.”