JESUS HEALS A MAN BORN BLIND

JOHN 9:1-12

PLEASE OPEN YOUR BIBLES TO JOHN'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 9. WE ARE MAKING OUR WAY THROUGH THIS POWERFUL GOSPEL THAT IS SOLELY FOCUSSED ON THE DIETY OF JESUS. IT WAS WRITTEN SO THAT ALL WHO READ IT MAY BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF GOD, AND THAT BY BELIEVING YOU MAY HAVE LIFE IN HIS NAME. THIS GOSPEL IS EVANGELISTIC BY NATURE. YES, THE ACCOUNTS RECORDED ARE ACTUAL EVENTS IN HISTORY THAT HAPPENED. BUT, THESE ACCOUNTS ARE RECORDED STRATEGICALLY TO POINT US TO THE ONLY ONE WHO BRINGS SALVATION TO THE SINNER, SPIRITUAL LIFE TO THE SPIRITUALLY DEAD, AND SPIRITUAL SIGHT TO THE SPIRITUALLY BLIND. JESUS IS 2 ½ YEARS INTO HIS MINISTRY AT THIS POINT. HE HAS LITERALLY PERFORMED COUNTLESS MIRACLES EVERYWHERE HE WENT WHILE PREACHING THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD, SALVATION, AND SIN. SOME HAVE COME TO A SAVING FAITH IN JESUS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE SEE MANY OF THE PEOPLE CAUGHT UP IN RELIGIOUS JUDAISM REJECT JESUS AND ULTIMATELY WANT TO KILL HIM. IN TODAY'S TEXT WE WILL SEE JESUS PERFORM ANOTHER MIRACLE. THE PHYSICAL HEALING OF SIGHT THOUGH AMAZING AND GRACIOUS, IS ONLY THE CATALYST FOR WHICH JESUS WILL BRING A BLIND MAN TO SAVING FAITH.

LIVING IN DARKNESS PHYSICALLY MUST BE CHALLENGING BUT LIVING IN DARKNESS SPIRTUALLY, WELL, THAT IS TRULY DEVISTATING. TODAY WE WILL SEE THE POWER OF A GENUINE ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS AND THE SIMPLE YET POWERFUL TESTIMONY THAT ENCOUNTER PROVIDES.

John 9:1-12 New International Version

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. **2** His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" **3** "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. **4** As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. **5** While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." **6** After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. **7** "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?" **9** Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man." **10** "How then were your eyes opened?" they asked. **11** He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told

me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

LORD, OPEN OUR EYES TO SEE THE TRUTH IN YOUR HOLY SCRIPTURES TODAY.

John 9:1-2 New International Version

9 As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

OUT OF THE 33 RECORDED MIRACLES THAT JESUS PERFORMED, 18 WERE REQUESTED AND 15 WERE INITIATED ON HIS OWN. IT IS BECAUSE OF OUR LORD'S PROVIDENTIAL COMPASSION, LOVE, MERCY, AND GRACE THAT HE MEETS PEOPLE RIGHT WHERE THEY ARE AT.

THIS MAN SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE IN DARKNESS. THE DISCIPLES WERE LIKE MOST JEWS, EVERY AILMENT OR UNFORTUNATE CIRCUMSTANCE WAS DUE TO PERSONAL SIN. (FROM SELF OR FAMILY LINEAGE). THEY TURN AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE COMPASSION INTO A THEOLOGICAL DEBATE.

SIN IN GENERAL DOES BRING FORTH CONSEQUENCES THAT LEAD TO DEATH, BUT GOD IS NOT THE AUTHOR OF SIN. HE ALLOWS WHAT HE ALLOWS AND HE STOPS WHAT HE STOPS. IT IS ALL FOR HIS SOVERIEGN GLORY.

BY OUR CAPTIVITY, HE IS KNOWN AS DELIVERER…BY OUR SIN, HE IS KNOWN AS SAVIOR…BY OUR WEAKNESS HE IS KNOWN AS ALL POWERFUL…NEXT TO OUR HATRED, HIS LOVE IS AMAZING

ALL IN THE CREATED UNIVERSE IS MEANT TO GLORIFY GOD, NOT US

John 9:3 New International Version

3 "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

NO ONE DID ANYTHING TO CAUSE THIS MAN TO BE BLIND, BUT THIS WAS SOVERIEGNLY ALLOWED BY GOD SO THAT THE WORKS OF GOD MIGHT BE DISPLAYED IN HIM

WE MUST REMEMBER THAT GOD IS OUTSIDE OF TIME. JESUS IS LOOKING FORWARD WITH THE FATHER TO HIS ULTIMATE GLORY

HUMANS SUFFER IN THIS LIFE; BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE BECAUSE OF THE FALL OF MANKIND. WE MUST TRUST THE HEART OF GOD WHEN WE DON'T UNDERSTAND. IN THE TIMES WE ARE TEMPTED TO ASK "WHY?"

THE DISCIPLES ASKED ABOUT THE CAUSE, JESUS ANSWERS WITH WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE LEADS TO. GOD'S GLORY

John 9:4 New International Version

4 As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

THERE IS A SENSE OF URGENCY IN JESUS' VOICE

WE MUST DO THE WORKS, NOT I MUST

DAY IS PHYSICAL LIFE HERE ON EARTH, NIGHT IS WHEN WE ARE DEAD PHYSICALLY. (WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT). NO ONE CAN DO THE WORKS OF HIM AND FOR HIM ONCE WE ARE WITH HIM IN HEAVEN.

THIS LIFE WILL SOON PASS, ONLY WHATS DONE IN/FOR CHRIST WILL LAST THROUGH THE FIRE RESULTING IN REWARDS FROM OUR KING

D L Moody - It is lamentable that we should live so long a time in the world and do so little for God: and that we should live so short a time in the world and do so much for Satan.

John 9:5 New International Version

5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

IN CONTEXT, JESUS IS REFERRING TO HIS TIME ON EARTH BEFORE HIS CRUCIFIXION, BUT HE FOLLOWS WITH ANOTHER "I AM" STATEMENT. HE IS THE ETERNAL LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD HAS BEEN PLACED IN HIS CHURCH

JESUS TOLD HIS DISCIPLES AND TRANSENDS TO US TODAY

Matthew 5:14-15 New International Version

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a

bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

AGAIN, OUR PURPOSE IS TO DO THE WORKS OF GOD AND SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO EVERYONE AROUND US

John 9:6 New International Version

6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.

JESUS HEALS PEOPLE IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, SAME HEALING POWER, DIFFERENT METHODS. WHY? SO PEOPLE DON'T FOCUS ON THE METHOD OF HEALING AND MISS THE MESSAGE IN THE HEALING

John 9:7 New International Version

7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

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KING HEZEKIAH BUILT AN UNDERGROUND TUNNEL FROM THE GIHON SPRING. IT RAN FROM THE SPING OUTSIDE THE WALLS INTO THE POOL OF SILOAM INSIDE THE CITY

JESUS GIVES HIM TWO COMMANDS; GO AND WASH

THIS REQUIRES GREAT FAITH FROM A BLIND MAN WITH MUD IN HIS EYES. HE OBEYED WITHOUT QUESTION OR HESITATION

THE HEALING HAPPENED IN THE OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMANDS OF GOD THE SON. HE WALKED BY FAITH NOT BY SIGHT LITERALLY

John 9:8-9 New International Version

8 His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?”
9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, “No, he only looks like him.” But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

THE PEOPLE THAT KNEW THIS MAN FROM BEFORE HAD DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OF HIS “NEWNESS” AFTER THE ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS. AND HIS SIMPLE TESTIMONY BEGINS. “I AM THE MAN YOU KNEW BEFORE”. HE AUTHENTICALLY SPOKE WITH CONVICTION

John 9:10-11 New International Version

10 “How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

11 He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

THE COMMON QUESTION THAT PEOPLE WHO KNOW US BEFORE CHRIST ASK. WHAT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR FAITH EXPERIENCE!! AND HE DOES…. SIMPLE…YET HE

STILL DOES NOT KNOW JESUS YET AS LORD (MESSIAH). BUT HE WILL.

John 9:12 New International Version

12 "Where is this man?" they asked him.

"I don't know," he said.

WE WANT TO MEET HIM!!! WHERE IS HE? I DON'T KNOW…YET

HOLD FAST TO WHAT YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED WITH JESUS, HE WILL SHOW YOU MORE. A DEEP MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIP IS BUILT OVER TIME

BE ENCOURAGED, JESUS SEES YOU AND HE LOVES YOU. HE SAVES US, HEALS US, EMPOWERS US, AND SENDS US OUT.

FOR THE GLORY OF GOD

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