

# Healing of the Man Born Blind

## John 9

Jesus probably healed thousands of people. He cleansed lepers, restored the lame, and healed all kinds of illnesses. His healing techniques varied; sometimes He touched the afflicted; other times, He just spoke the word. Jesus had even healed from afar. His enemies did not dispute or question that He performed \_\_\_\_\_. But the healing of the man born blind brought on extreme pressure, questions, and debate. Why? Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ eyes! Jesus had said He was the Light of the World, and with this miracle, He proved it again by giving light, both physical and spiritual, to a man without eyes! The \_\_\_\_\_ discourse flows from the Religious Leaders' reaction to this miracle.

### I. Disciples Theological Question

“And as Jesus passed by, he \_\_\_\_\_ a man which was blind from his birth.<sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did \_\_\_\_\_, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the \_\_\_\_\_ of God should be made manifest (Lit. - \_\_\_\_\_) in him. <sup>4</sup>I (Gk - \_\_\_\_\_) must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.” John 9:1-5

A. Jewish Debate over Sufferings and Calamities v. 1-2

B. Jesus' Teaching on Sufferings and Calamities v. 3-5

C. “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day” –

D. “I am the light of the world” –

## II. Jesus Heals the Man Born Blind

**“When he had thus spoken, he spat on the \_\_\_\_\_, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, <sup>7</sup>And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came \_\_\_\_\_.” John 9:6-7**

FACTS:

- Blind man didn’t request \_\_\_\_\_
- Jesus made \_\_\_\_\_ with spit
- Jesus told the man to go \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool of Siloam
- Blind man obeyed in \_\_\_\_\_
- Man came back \_\_\_\_\_

## III. Neighbors Interrogate the Healed Man

**“The neighbors therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ said, This is he: \_\_\_\_\_ said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. <sup>10</sup>Therefore said they unto him, \_\_\_\_\_ were thine eyes opened? <sup>11</sup>He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. <sup>12</sup>Then said they unto him, \_\_\_\_\_ is he? He said, I know not. <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.” John 9:8-13**

“Is not this he that sat and begged?” –

Neighbors’ Question:

“How were thine eyes opened?” –

“Where is he?” –

“They brought to the Pharisees Him that aforetime was blind” -

#### **IV. Pharisees/Jews First Interrogation of the Healed Man**

“And it was the \_\_\_\_\_ day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. <sup>16</sup>Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is \_\_\_\_\_ of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner \_\_\_\_\_ such miracles? And there was a \_\_\_\_\_ among them. <sup>17</sup>They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a \_\_\_\_\_.” John 9:14-17

“it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes” –

“the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight” –

“there was a division among them” –

Argument 1: “This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day” –

Argument 2: “How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles?” –

“They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? –

#### **V. Pharisees/Jews Interrogate Healed Man’s Parents**

“But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been \_\_\_\_\_, and received his sight, until they called the \_\_\_\_\_ of him that had received his sight. <sup>19</sup>And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? <sup>20</sup>His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was \_\_\_\_\_ blind: <sup>21</sup>But by what means he now

seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. <sup>22</sup>These words spake his parents, because they \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ (Lit. - \_\_\_\_\_), he should be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup>Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.” John 9:18-23

“the Jews did not believe concerning him” –

“until they called the parents of him that had received his sight” –

“he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself” –

“These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews”

“Jews had agreed already” → “if any man did confess he was Christ” → “put out of the synagogue”

## **VI. Pharisees/Jews Second Interrogation of the Healed Man**

“Then \_\_\_\_\_ called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. <sup>25</sup>He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I \_\_\_\_\_, that, whereas I was blind, now I \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>26</sup>Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? <sup>27</sup>He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear (Lit. \_\_\_\_\_): wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? <sup>28</sup>Then they reviled (Lit. \_\_\_\_\_) him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. <sup>29</sup>We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.” John 9:24-29

“Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner” –

“I was blind, now I see” –

“What did he to thee? How opened he thine eyes? –

“Then they reviled him” –

“we know not from whence he is” –

## VII. Healed Man’s Theological Teaching to the Pharisees/Jews

“The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvelous (Lit. - \_\_\_\_\_) thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. <sup>31</sup>Now \_\_\_\_\_ know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. <sup>32</sup>Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was \_\_\_\_\_ blind. <sup>33</sup>If this man were not of God, he could do \_\_\_\_\_. <sup>34</sup>They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they \_\_\_\_\_ him out.” John 9:30-34

“herein is a marvelous thing” –

Theological Logic:

➤ “God heareth not sinners.”

➤ God hears:

One who \_\_\_\_\_ Him + One who does His \_\_\_\_\_

➤ “since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind”

Therefore:

“If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.” –

## Reaction to the Healed Man's Lesson

“Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us?”

“they cast him out” –

## VIII. Healed Man Meets Jesus

“Jesus heard that they had \_\_\_\_\_ him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God (Lit. \_\_\_\_\_)? <sup>36</sup>He answered and said, Who is he, Lord (Gk - \_\_\_\_\_), that I might believe on him? <sup>37</sup>And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both \_\_\_\_\_ him, and it is he that talketh with thee. <sup>38</sup>And he said, Lord (Gk - \_\_\_\_\_), I believe. And he worshipped him.”  
John 9:35-38

“Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and.....found him” –

“Dost thou believe on the Son of God? –

“Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee” –

“Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.” -

“And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. <sup>40</sup>And some of the Pharisees which were \_\_\_\_\_ him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? <sup>41</sup>Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.” John 9:39-41

“For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind” –

“Are we blind also?” –

“If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but not ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth” –

**Believers’ Application:**

1. The cause of suffering has baffled the human race. God has given several reasons and the desired outcomes in His word.

1) Rejecting God –

2) Not living God’s way –

3) Build the faith of the sufferer –

4) Show God’s power –

2. Let’s examine what we know about each of the characters in this “marvelous” event of Jesus. Focus on their character, reaction to the miracle, reaction to the Jewish authorities, and their reaction to Jesus. Of all these characters, who would you honestly associate with the closest?

Neighbors –

Pharisees/Jews –

Parents –

Healed Man –