

Insight Of A Blind Man

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JOHN 9:1-34

Using This Study

① EXAMINE His Word

(Observation)

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matter, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

② EXPLORE His Word

(Interpretation)

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

③ EMBRACE His Word

(Application)

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience. How will it change your life?



Today we look at the miracle of Jesus healing the blind man found in John chapter 9. The man was born blind and physically could not see. However, Jesus opens his eyes and gives him great spiritual insight, revealing that Jesus is from God and eventually telling the blind man that Jesus is the Christ. The Pharisees on the other hand have physical sight but are spiritually blind. They never see the miraculous work of Jesus for what it is and reject Him as the Christ. Today we want to make sure we are following in the footsteps of the blind man and gaining spiritual insight and not following the path of the Pharisees that are spiritually blinded

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F P	2	20/100
T O Z	3	20/70
L P E D	4	20/50
P E C F D	5	20/40
E D F C Z P	6	20/30
F E L O P Z D	7	20/25
D E F F O T E C	8	20/20
L E F O D F C T	9	
F D F L T C E O	10	
F E X O L C F T S	11	

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read John 9:1-34 (NASB)

9 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

² And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?”

³ Jesus answered, “*It was* neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

⁴ We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

⁵ While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”

⁶ When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,

⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing.

⁸ Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?”

⁹ Others were saying, “This is he,” *still* others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.”

¹⁰ So they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?”

¹¹ He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.”

¹² They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind.

¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others were saying, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And there was a division among them.

¹⁷ So they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ The Jews then did not believe *it* of him, that he had been blind and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight,

¹⁹ and questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?”

²⁰ His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

²¹ but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.”

²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

²³ For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.”

²⁵ He then answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

²⁶ So they said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

²⁷ He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?”

²⁸ They reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.”

³⁰ The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and *yet* He opened my eyes.

³¹ We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.

³² Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

³³ If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” So they put him out.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in this passage that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and Metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)

What does God MEAN?

1. What does Jesus teach about sin causing sickness in verse 3?
2. Is the man healed because of faith?
3. Why were the Pharisees so upset with Jesus healing?
4. Why were the parents and the blind man afraid of the Pharisees?

3 EMBRACE His Word (Application)

Why does this MATTER to me?

5. Trials are often used to reveal God's glory. How have you seen God glorified through trials?

6. The Pharisees are threatened by Jesus. What is the attitude of the blind man that allows him to come to faith in Jesus in comparison to the attitude of the Pharisees that reject Him? How can we show the same attitude and characteristics as the blind man in our own life?

7. The Pharisees are spiritually blinded by their own arrogance. The blind man reveals great spiritual insight in verses 30-33. Who reveals the spiritual insight to the blind man? How can we pursue this same spiritual insight?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

SERMON NOTES