

I. John 9. Healing The man born blind. *An Acted Parable*

A. The Healing was Unique. 1-7

1. The theological question: Did a specific sin cause this?
 - a) *No. God is using it to do something more important.*
2. The unique process. Mud and Siloam.
 - a) Making mud? Go and wash at Siloam?
3. Pool of Siloam. "Sent" (water was "sent" through Hezekiah's tunnel to the pool. Jesus is the "Sent One" from the Father with the Water of Eternal life (7:37-39)

B. The Witness was Clear. 8-12.

1. Yes, it's me. I am healed!
2. But I don't know where Jesus went...
3. *Your personal conversion is your best witness. This is what the Lord has done in my life...*

C. The Opposition was Fabricated. 13-17

1. The Pharisees use Sabbath Law to discredit Jesus. (Making mud).
2. Religious rationalization. *A plausible, but false reason for doing something.*
 - a) Like the mother who insisted on a 100K BMW SUV because she wanted her baby to be "safe".
 - b) Like the woman who had to "wash her hair" instead of going to dinner with the guy who asked her.
 - c) 39 things the Pharisees added to the Sabbath Law, traditions that were added to God's Word. One was "kneading" (dough). Making the mud could technically be defined as "kneading" and so it was a "violation of the Law."
 - d) *Actually, it was just a minor infraction of a dubious traditional application of the Law.*
 - e) *But what they really wanted was to just get rid of Jesus.*

D. The Denial became Impossible. 18-34.

1. You weren't really healed. Let's ask your parents...
 - a) *They disown him, lying in the process. (Ps 27:10)*

E. So, the Rejection became Irrational. 34

1. They can't deny the miracle, so they attack his character and throw him out of the synagogue.
2. Coming to Christ separated this man from his traditional religion.

F. And the Rescue became personal. 35-38

1. Jesus goes and finds him. Lk.19:9-10
 - a) *The Lord pursues the needy.*
2. The main question: Do you believe in (trust Me) the Son of Man?
 - a) Faith in Jesus as the Christ (Dan.7:13)
3. *Real faith in Jesus instantly produces Worship. Jn.20:28*

II. Which leads to the main point. The World is in Dangerous Darkness. 39-41

A. He redefines sight and blindness. 39. (Matt.11:25-30, hidden/revealed)

1. Those who think they see need to become aware of their blindness.
2. Those who admit blindness will be given sight.
3. *Blindness is crucial...*

B. He identifies the source of ultimate blindness. 40-41

1. Yes, you, Pharisees... Claiming to "see" without Christ.
2. Those who think they see, but reject Jesus as the Christ, are blind.

C. He emphasizes the seriousness of the issue. 41b

1. Guilt remains... dying in sin.
2. The Lord Himself, the Light of the World (8:12), is the only way out of the doomed darkness. The wages of sin = Death

III. What does it feel like to receive spiritual sight?

- A. It begins with a realization of helpless blindness. Rom.3:23
 - 1. I am blind and I cannot heal myself. *The Lord pursues the Needy.*
- B. It ignites with the voice of the Lord. Jn.10:27; Rom.10:
 - 1. I hear the voice of Christ offering healing and sight by faith in Him.
- C. It continues in a step of trust/faith.
 - 1. I will respond in faith (go to Siloam)
- D. It grows as a lifestyle of worship. Rom.12:1-2
 - 1. This Life draws us into a deeper walk, a desire to allow the Spirit to transform us.
 - 2. We hear this command to allow the Spirit to transform and we lean into it.