

A Death Wish ... What is it?

Scripture References:

John 9:1-11, Mark 8:22-25, Mathew 9:27-30

John 9:1-11 (NASB) 1 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.”

Mark 8:22-25 (NASB) 22 And they *came to Bethsaida. And they *brought a blind man to Jesus and *implored Him to touch him. 23 Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him, He asked him, “Do you see anything?” 24 And he looked up and said, “I see men, for I see them like trees, walking around.” 25 Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and began to see everything clearly.

Matthew 9:27-30 (NASB) 27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” 28 When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus *said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They *said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” 29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, “It shall be done to you according to your faith.” 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: “See that no one knows about this!”

Gospel of John Highlights:

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- Jesus heals the man voluntarily

Gospel of Mark Highlights:

- Friends brought the blind man before Jesus to be healed
- Jesus asks the man what he sees, to which the man replies: "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

Gospel of Mathew Highlights:

- Verse 27: As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, calling out: "Have mercy on us, son of David!"
- Jesus asked if they believed he could do what they asked, to which they replied: "yes".

Summary of Highlights:

- God heals some voluntarily
- God heals some who are set before Him by others
- God heals some by their desire to seek healing, and their Faith to receive it.
- Not all are afflicted due to sin
- People are as trees, bearing fruit according to their type (*or on this case, what they are rooted in*)