

A MAN BORN SPIRITUALLY BLIND RECEIVES SPIRITUAL SIGHT FROM CHRIST

(John 9:24-41)

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II. THE PROLOGUE: INTRODUCING JESUS CHRIST (1:1-18)

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A. THE SIXTH SIGN: The Healing of the Man Born Blind (chapter 9)

1. Christ Gives PHYSICAL Sight to the Blind Man (vv. 1-12)

2. The Pharisees' First Interrogation of the Healed Man (vv. 13-23)

- a. People brought the healed man to the Jewish authorities, and they asked him HOW he had RECEIVED his SIGHT (vv. 13-15)
- b. The Pharisees argued amongst themselves, this "Healer" COULDN'T be from God because the miracle was done on the SABBATH. But others reasoned, how could a SINNER perform such SIGNS? (v. 16)
- c. The "half disclosure" of the man's parents was due to their FEAR of MAN and the possibility of being PUT OUT of the synagogue. (vv. 19-23, cf., Prov. 29:25)

3. The Pharisees' Second Interrogation of the Healed Man (vv. 24-34)

- a. Once again, the healed man was summoned by the religious leaders for more questioning; he was immediately pressured to _____ with them that this Man Jesus was a _____, but he was not intimidated, he would _____ concede. (vv. 24-25)
- b. They asked the healed man the very same questions as before (v. 26), his _____ response is classic, "Why are you so interested, _____ you also _____ to become *His disciples?*" (v. 27)
- c. The Pharisees were insulted by the healed man's question, so they insulted him back by _____ that they were the _____ followers of Moses (vv. 28-29). Earlier Jesus said the complete opposite about these men _____ being disciples of Moses (5:45-47; Luke 24:27, 44).

d. The beggar then gave the “experts” a lesson in practical theology...

- 1) He mocked the Pharisees that they _____ where Jesus was from. (v. 30)
- 2) He explained a fundamental truth that (under the Law) God responds _____ to the godly, but does not hear (in the sense of granting the requests of) those who are currently in _____ (v. 31, cf. Deut. 28; Job 27:9; 35:13; Ps. 34:15-16; 66:18; 145:19; Prov. 15:29; 28:9; Isa. 1:15; 59:2; James 5:16; 1 John 1:5-10).
- 3) He stated that which was evident, Jesus had done the unprecedented, no one _____ blind had been _____ before; and if Jesus were not from God, He _____ have performed this miracle. (vv. 32-33)

* What can we learn from the Pharisees’ treatment of this man? (v. 34)

4. Christ Gives SPIRITUAL Sight to the Blind Man (vv. 35-41)

- a. The beggar had responded favorably to the little light he had; once again, Jesus took the initiative and _____ out to give him further _____. (v. 35a)
- b. Because Christ’s sole purpose was _____ merely to give the man physical sight, but rather _____ sight, He made _____ “*in the Son of Man*” the critical issue. (vv. 35b-36)
- c. The man responded by _____ in Christ, and he even _____ Him. (vv. 37-38)

* In Christ’s closing comments with the Pharisees what was He communicating? (vv. 39-41)

* What can you personally apply from this story?