

**“Spit Mud”**  
John 9:1–23

**Asking For An Explanation**

**Verse 2**

*His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who committed the sin that caused him to be born blind, this man or his parents?”*

**Cause Or Purpose**

**Verse 3**

*Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but he was born blind so that the acts of God may be revealed through what happens to him”*

*“God wants His acts to be showcased”*

**The Purposes of God**

**Verse 3**

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- 1. The disciples are asking for an explanation of the blindness, and Jesus’s answer is given as an explanation of the blindness.**
- 2. God knows all things.**
- 3. Any attempt to deny God’s sovereign, purposeful control over conception and birth is in total conflict with Exodus 4:11 and Psalm 139:13.**

**Exodus 4:11**

*The Lord said to him, “Who gave a mouth to man, or who makes a person mute or deaf or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?”*

**Psalm 139:13**

*“Certainly you made my mind and heart; you wove me together in my mother’s womb”*

**Purpose: Revealing The Acts Of God**

**Real Meaning Found In God**

**Showcasing Both God In Healing And Not Healing**

## **What does this have to do with me?**

### **Verse 4**

*"We must perform the deeds of the one who sent me as long as it is daytime. Night is coming when no one can work"*

- 1. The acts of God referred to in verse 3 will be done through Jesus. Jesus is going to heal this man's blindness. The acts of God are the acts of Jesus.**
- 2. He must do this quickly, because night is coming, and his time will be over. Jesus will turn from healing to dying. He will turn from the day-work of relieving these things, and do the night-work of dying and suffering.**
- 3. The real explanation is: Jesus is suffering that the acts of God might be revealed in Him.**

### **Revelation 21:4**

*"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death will not exist any more – or mourning, or crying, or pain, for the former things have ceased to exist"*

### **2 Corinthians 4:17–18**

*"For our momentary, light suffering is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison because we are not looking at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen. For what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal"*