



Lifting our Eyes to the Works of God

John 9:1-7 – January 21, 2024

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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 was born blind?" [3] Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. [4] We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. [5] As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." [6] Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud [7] and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. (ESV)

Isaiah 42:6-7

[6] "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, [7] to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness." (ESV)

Luke 19:10

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (ESV)

Matthew 11:4-5

And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: [5] the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them." (ESV)

Luke 13:4-5

Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? [5] No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." (ESV)

1 Timothy 1:15-16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. [16] But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. (ESV)

John 3:17

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (ESV)

Genesis 50:20

As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. (ESV)

Introduction: The wearisome toil of figuring out life.

1. **The work of Christ:** seek out the blind that they might see.
2. **The work of man:** examine the affliction of others to feel good about ourselves.
3. **The work of Christ:** sent by His Father to bring Light to the world.

--- Revelation Demands Response ---

1. **Let us join the work of Christ in bringing His Light to the world!**
2. **Let us lift our eyes to the work of Jesus to rest when nothing makes sense.**

Application questions on the back →

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For the following application questions, review your notes from the front.

SUNDAY after church...

Think through the morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give. 2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received. 3) List songs that touched your heart.

MONDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** What questions run through your mind when you see someone afflicted with some sort of ailment? Are you quick to make a judgement on the quality of their work towards God? Does it make you feel a little bit better about yourself when you see someone else's work towards God seemingly not measure up to your own?

TUESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Why is it such toilsome work to condemn our fellow man? If condemning work is so toilsome, why do we do it? Is it easier on our souls to condemn or bring mercy to the afflicted? What opportunities has the Lord given to you to enter into such exciting work?

WEDNESDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS** Read Psalm 73. Why is it so troubling to us when we see the wicked prosper or the righteous suffer? What is the solution to such a troubling "equation?" How can you be a supportive friend when helping someone through affliction?

THURSDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Read Romans 8:32. Is everything in our lives and world a work of God? Aren't we responsible for some outcomes? How is it restful to lift our eyes to the merciful work of God in Christ in the midst of a dark world?

FRIDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **DISCUSS:** Are you diligent in going about the merciful work of Christ throughout your day? Can you rest in the assurance that God is at work even in the midst of great difficulty? How has an affliction brought you Light (Psalm 119:71)? What are some ways He is calling you to bring the Light of Jesus into dark places? Why not just sit back and criticize the dark places? **Bonus Question:** What do the details of the miracle in John 9:6-7 teach us about Jesus?

SATURDAY – READ & PRAY: Find a good Bible reading plan, a good time, and a good place to commune with God. **WATCH:** How has the Lord shown you Himself and His work? **BUILD:** How is God leading you (and family) to build up the Body of Christ tomorrow and beyond?

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Our purpose is **to know...follow...and love Christ!**

