

# The Blind, the Lame, the Deaf, the Mute, and the Dead

Joh 9:1-41

- (1) Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.
- (2) And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
- (3) Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him."

*"The open door is as much the will of God as a closed door is." – Sovereignty of God*

- (4) I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the 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) When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.
- (7) And He said to him, "*Go, wash in the pool of Siloam*" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

*I long for an authentic move and work of God! Do you?*

- (8) Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"
- (9) Some said, "This is he." Others *said*, "He is like him." He said, "I am *he*."
- (10) Therefore they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"
- (11) He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, '*Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.*' So I went and washed, and I received sight."
- (12) Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."
- (13) They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.
- (14) Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.
- (15) Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see."
- (16) Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

(17) They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

(18) But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight.

(19) And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

(20) His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

(21) but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself."

(22) His parents said these *things* because **they feared the Jews**, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

(23) Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

*Anybody ever been excommunicated from church?*

(24) So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner."

(25) He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see."

*Isn't that the most important thing?*

(26) Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

(27) He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"

(28) Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples.

(29) We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for this fellow*, we do not know where He is from."

(30) The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; **yet He has opened my eyes!**

(31) Now we know that God does not hear sinners; **but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.**

(32) Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

(33) If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."

*He became a shining light in the darkness.*

*Joh 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

(34) They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

(35) Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

(36) He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

(37) And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

(38) Then he said, "**Lord, I believe!**" And he worshiped Him.

(39) And Jesus said, "**For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.**"

(40) Then *some* of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, "Are we blind also?"

(41) Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

## Natural or Spiritual?

Mat 13:10-17 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" (11) He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. (12) For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. (13) Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. (14) And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'HEARING YOU WILL HEAR AND SHALL NOT UNDERSTAND, AND SEEING YOU WILL SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE; (15) FOR THE HEARTS OF THIS PEOPLE HAVE GROWN DULL. THEIR EARS ARE HARD OF HEARING, AND THEIR EYES THEY HAVE CLOSED, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM.' (16) But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; (17) for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

## Jesus heals the paralytic

Mat 9:1-8 So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. (2) Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." (3) And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!" (4) But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? (5) For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? (6) But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." (7) And he arose and departed to his house. (8) Now when the multitudes saw *it*, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

## Jesus delivers the mute and demon-possessed

Mat 9:32-33 NKJV As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. (33) And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"

## Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

Joh 11:4 When Jesus heard *that*, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Joh 11:11-14 These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." (12) Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." (13) However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. (14) Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.

Joh 11:25-27 Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life.** He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. (26) And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (27) She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Joh 11:35 Jesus wept.

Joh 11:38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

Joh 11:40-43 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" (41) Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up *His* eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. (42) And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said *this*, that they may believe that You sent Me." (43) Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!"

I wanna heal the sick and raise the dead!

I wanna save the lost  
from eternal dread.

I wanna loose the bound  
and set them free.

I wanna touch the blind that they might see.

Mat 11:4-6 NKJV Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: (5) The **blind see** and the lame walk; the **lepers are cleansed** and the **deaf hear**; the **dead are raised up** and **the poor have the gospel preached to them.** (6) **And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.**"

But there is yet a greater miracle to be obtained than all this

Pro 18:19

(19) A brother offended *is harder to win* than a strong city, And contentions *are* like the bars of a castle.

Offended

- Transgressed
- Rebelled against “just authority”
- Revolted

Experiences of one offended:

1. Alone
2. Rejected
3. Abandoned
4. Left to fend for themselves
5. Survive on their own
6. Becoming “street smart”
7. Untrusting of others
8. Over time we depend solely on our own selves

Jer 18:12

(12) And they said, "That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart."

The greatest miracle is the miracle transformation of a blind, deaf, lame, mute, dead heart that becomes now a seeing (His glory), hearing (His voice), walking (in a manner worthy of His calling) and talking (declare the praises of Him who redeemed them) quickened (made alive in righteousness in Christ Jesus) heart.

1Pe 2:9-10

(9) But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, **that you may proclaim the praises of Him** who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

(10) who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

I only know how:

- To sow...
- to teach...
- to tell the truth...
- to forgive...
- to instruct...
- to demonstrate...
- to love...
- to accept others misinterpretation of me and my efforts...

- and entrust myself to the One who called me, created me, and sent me out (imperfect as I see myself) to be used as an instrument to help do a perfect work in others.

I wanna heal the lame  
and see them walk.  
I wanna touch the mute  
and hear them talk.  
I wanna love the world  
and share your truth.

Eph 1:17-18 NKJV

(17) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, **may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,**

(18) **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know** what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Keep in mind that the purpose of miracles today is never solely, natural, but more so spiritual, meaning that of the heart.

Isa 35:3-6 NKJV Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. (4) Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you." (5) Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. (6) Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert.