



Blind Sight

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John 9:1-41, p. 895

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Introduction

In this passage God checks our ability to see and directs us to see all things through the Light of the World.

The Text: John 9:1-41

1) Jesus teaches his disciples how to understand the bad things that happen in life (vv. 1-7).

(a) It would be a mistake to see a one-for-one correspondence between sin and consequence.

(b) There is a mystery to the consequences of sin that should frighten us, humble us, and break us.

(c) Though it is a mystery, God can purposefully transcend sin and make it accomplish his will.

(d) When the consequences of sin affect us, we should trust God and pray for him to use us and our circumstances (even our suffering) for his good purposes.

2) Every Christian is a witness for Christ to the people with whom they work and live (vv. 8-34).

3) Jesus came to make the blind see and to make the seeing go blind (vv. 35-41).

Response

Prayer: O Jesus, the Light of the World, heal our blindness and help us to see all things through you!

Sunday Text Questions for John 9:1-41

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- 1) Starter Question: How does the Bible serve as glasses to see God, ourselves, and the world?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why do you think the disciples connected the blind man's condition to his or his parents' sin in v. 2? How might our culture today look to blame people for the bad things that happen to them?
- 4) Based upon v. 3, how might God use bad things that happen to us or in the world for good?
- 5) When the Pharisees are discussing Jesus in vv. 13-17, they are divided about his identity. How are people in our world today divided about the identity of Jesus?
- 6) The parents of the blind man (vv. 18-23) are fearful of religious persecution and defer to their son when challenged by the religious leaders. What kind of political or social persecution can Christians face today?
- 7) Are you (or have you ever been) sacred or embarrassed to confess your allegiance to Christ to those with whom you work and live? Share honestly with the group.
- 8) How does the blind man face his accusers in vv. 24-35 by basing his responses on what he has learned about Christ? How should we present and defend Christ by the revealed truth in God's Word?
- 9) What is Jesus saying in vv. 39-41? How can we know if we have the sight Jesus gives?
- 10) What *truths to believe* or *actions to obey* does this passage of Scripture teach us?

Further study this week: Deuteronomy 29, esp. vv. 2-4, on seeing and understanding (Mon); Ephesians 4:12-32 on darkened understanding (Tues); Psalm 119:17-24, esp. v. 18, on seeing with Scripture (Wed), 1 Corinthians 2 on spiritual sight (Thurs); Ephesians 3:14-21 on praying for spiritual sight (Fri).