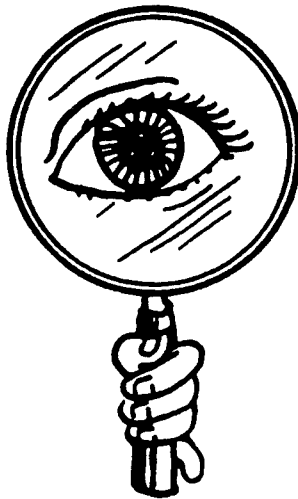


IT'S STILL DAYTIME

(The Healing Of The Man Born Blind)

John 9:1-7



Jesus is Still Working

- Jesus Saw (v.1)
- Jesus Spoke (v.2-5)
- Jesus Spit (v.6)
- Jesus Sent (v.7)

*"I must work the works of Him that sent me,
while it is day." (John 9:4)*

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“IT’S STILL DAYTIME”

(Or)

When Jesus Passes By

Text: John 9:1-7

Subject: “I Must Work The Works Of Him That Sent Me While It Is Day” (Verse 4)

Introduction

(This Miracle Of Healing Has A Striking Setting)

“Then took they up stones to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by” (John 8:59)

- #1. The enemies of Jesus were furious because Jesus had just claimed to be God and even existed before Abraham.
- #2. The Jews then attempt to stone Jesus, but Jesus hides Himself and slips through the crowd.
- #3. Jesus is calm, controlled and composed as He takes note of a blind beggar by the roadside.
- #4. Jesus is active, moving, ready and looking:
 - A. He is looking for an opportunity to display the wonderful works of God!
 - B. He is looking for an opportunity to reveal the power of God!
 - C. He is looking for an opportunity to manifest His healing virtue upon...
...those who are in need ...those who believe He is able ...you who are here tonight.

I. Jesus Saw (V. 1)

“And as Jesus passed by, He saw a man which was blind from His birth” (v. 1)

(What Kind Of Man Was Seen?)

- A. A man born blind from birth (v. 1)
 - B. A man sitting by the roadside begging (v. 8)
- ◆ This man is unique, in that he is the only blind person in all the gospels who is said to have been born blind.
 - ◆ He is well known to the wayside crowds as he appeals for alms.
 - ◆ He is regarded as a nuisance to the general public.
 - ◆ He can contribute nothing to the life of the community.

But Jesus “Saw Him” (Which Means:)

- ◆ Jesus saw this one man in a crowd of many.
- ◆ Jesus observed this man with a condition that no one could cure.
- ◆ Jesus viewed this man as one who needed His gift of healing.

(And Nothing Has Changed)

- ◆ He sees you (on this day).
- ◆ He sees you (exactly where you are).
- ◆ He sees you (and absolutely nothing is too small or too hidden or too distant that He does not know about tonight!!!)

II. Jesus Spoke (Vs. 2-5)

(The Disciples Ask Jesus A Question)

“Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?” (v. 2)

Fact: The disciples connect the idea of sin as being responsible for this man’s affliction.

Fact: The disciples believed that either the man himself had sinned, or, his parents had sinned.

(What Did Jesus Say?)

“Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be made manifest in him” (v. 3)

Fact: Jesus rebukes the idea that sin is the direct cause of this man’s illness.

Fact: Jesus rebukes the idea of you and me trying to place blame for sickness.

Fact: Jesus rebukes the idea of us trying to find out all the answers of all the causes behind another’s misfortune.

(The Disciples Are Troubled)

1. Is fate the master of life?
2. Is there no rationale for this circumstance?
3. Are we only victims of fate and disease?
4. Aren’t we supposed to know why one is healthy and why another is well?

Fact: Jesus felt the man’s condition called for action not discussion!

“Neither this man or his parents sinned to cause this blindness” But...

(The 3 Responses Of Jesus)

#1...(Verse 3), “The works of God should be made manifest in him”. (Which Means:)

- ◆ That God’s power would be exercised in healing the sick.
- ◆ That God has already arranged to meet this need.
- ◆ That God’s power will be revealed to you.

#2...(Verse 4), “I must work the works of Him that sent Me” (Which Means:)

- ◆ “I must demonstrate the mercy of God which I’ve been commissioned to do”.
- ◆ “I must express the nature of God’s power in working this miracle”.

#3...(Verse 5), “I am the Light of the world” (Which Means:)

- ◆ “As the sun dispels all darkness each day, so I will push out all works of darkness in your life”.
- ◆ “As the dark of night cannot keep the light from breaking in, so nothing can keep Me from breaking in upon your life”.

III. Jesus Spit (V. 6)

“He spat on the ground and made clay of spittle, and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with clay”. (v. 6)

Question: Why did Jesus cover eyes He wanted to see?

Question: Why did Jesus seal eyes He wanted to open?

Question: Why did Jesus touch the eyes with clay?

(One Reason!)

- ◆ Jesus wanted to evoke hope and expectation in the heart of the man.
- ◆ Jesus wanted to stir up the latent power of faith.
- ◆ Jesus wanted the man to expect a cure from Jesus.
- ◆ Jesus wants us to focus, not on the natural means or channels or methods, but upon the virtue of Jesus Himself.

(In Other Words)

- ◆ It’s not the clay on the ground, (nor) the spittle of a man
- ◆ But it’s the power and virtue of Jesus Himself that affects the cure of the sick.

IV. Jesus Sent (V. 7)

“Go wash in the pool of Siloam” (v. 7)

Question: If there is no virtue in material means and channels, then why the command to “Go wash”?

- ◆ To encourage the man in his faith.
- ◆ To confirm and strengthen him in believing.
- ◆ To test his obedience to get up and take steps towards his healing.

Fact: He believes that Jesus will do what He said.

Fact: He journeys to the pool in faith believing.

Fact: He may have thought it tough to heal a chronic, long-term illness.

Fact: He may have struggled in his mind like some of you have struggled!

(Notice)

- #1. There is no record of mountain moving faith, (and)
- #2. There is no standard of a 1,2,3 step formula,

Just “Go Wash”)

(And Listen To the Testimony...)

“...I Went And Washed And Received” (Verse 11)

(In Other Words)

- #1. The man took the step of obedience to get up and go to the pool!
- #2. The Lord took the step of action to minister the gift of healing! (Why?)
 - ◆ Because Jesus is still manifesting the works of God!
 - ◆ Because Jesus is still working the works of Him that sent Him.
 - ◆ Because Jesus is still the Light and pushing out the darkness that doesn't belong!

Life Application:

- #1. God has not called us to place blame for another person's misfortune.
- #2. Sin is not always to blame for sickness in another person.
- #3. God desires to manifest Himself to us in times of need.
- #4. The grace of God is sufficient in every season of life.
- #5. Mercy (not judgment) is what flows from the throne of God.
- #6. Darkness has no right to dwell in anyone who is born again!
- #7. Mountain moving faith is not always necessary when you are in need (others can pray on your behalf).
- #8. Yet, it is God's desire that we do believe Him (without wavering) when we come to Him for answered prayer.
- #9. Obedience is the key that opens the door for God to work greatly on our behalf.
- #10. Peace and rest will be yours when you stop asking as to “Why?” and start trusting God to bring good out of your pain.

**And If You're Ever Tempted To Judge Someone's Misfortune:
Remember Job**

“There was a man in the land of UZ, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil”.

(Job Was...)

- #1... **“Perfect”**: Which means that Job lived to wholeheartedly please the Lord.
- #2... **“Upright”**: Which means that Job maintained his integrity.
- #3... **“Feared God”**: Which means that he possessed a respect and reverence for who God is.
- #4... **“Eschewed Evil”**: Which means Job turned from sin and evil in every way.

Yet Job Suffered And Lost...

- ◆ ...his **livelihood** (his oxen)
- ◆ ...his **finances** (his sheep)
- ◆ ...his **transportation** (his camels)
- ◆ ...his **family** (his children)
- ◆ ...his **encouragers** (his wife’s and friend’s support)
- ◆ ...his **health** (as fever and boils broke his body down)

Question: Why did Job go through all of this?

Answer: To silence the accusations of satan who accused Job of serving God only because God blessed him:

“Put forth your hand God and touch all that Job has, and he will curse you to your face” (1:11)

Question: How did Job’s friends respond?

Answer: They accused Job of having sin in his life that was causing his pain, sorrow, grief and misfortune:

“Remember Job, whoever perished being innocent? Those who sow wickedness, reap the same” (Eliphaz, in Job 4:7,8)

(This My Friend Is Foolish Thinking!!!)

- ◆ This is just like the thinking surrounding the blind man in John 9:1-7. (“Who sinned Lord, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”)
- ◆ Yet, God reveals that the fundamental reason for Job’s suffering was:

#1. To silence the blasphemous lies of satan!

#2. To prove that a believer could lose everything and still honor God!

#3. To reveal to us that God’s grace is more than sufficient to keep you internally sweet while going through external tribulations.

Question: How did Job respond to his extreme suffering?

- ◆ “Then Job fell down and worshipped” (1:20)
- ◆ “Then Job said, the Lord gave and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord” (1:21)
- ◆ “In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly”. (1:22)

(In Other Words)

- ◆ God is good all the time (and worthy to be praised).
- ◆ Your tests and trials are God’s opportunities (to prove Himself strong on your behalf).

AMEN!
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