

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

LESSON 10 - JOHN CHAPTER 9

ASSIGNMENT

READ John chapter 9.

MEMORIZE John 9:4,5.

"I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

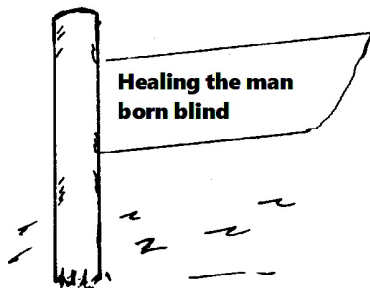
KEY WORDS

The key words in this chapter are **blindness** and **sight**, **believing** and **not believing**.

OUTLINE OF JOHN CHAPTER 9

- A. Cause of sickness, John 9:1-3.
- B. Jesus, the Light of the world, John 9:4-5.
- C. Jesus gives sight, John 9:6-7.
- D. Results of the sight, John 9:8-41.
 - 1. The blind man told his neighbors what happened.
 - 2. The blind man told the Pharisees what happened.
 - 3. The parents showed they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.
 - 4. The blind man could understand the things of God.
 - 5. Jesus showed His great love.
 - 6. Jesus told the Pharisees they were blind.

LOOKING AT JOHN CHAPTER 9



In the last verse of chapter 8, Jesus went out of the temple. The Jews wanted to throw stones at Jesus. They wanted to kill Him, but Jesus went away and was not hurt. As Jesus came out of the temple, He went by a blind man. This man was born blind. He had never seen anything. He could not see to work. Because He could not work, he begged for money.



Though the Jews were trying to kill Jesus, He stopped to help the blind man. He cared for the helpless. Jesus made use of all His time. He did not pity Himself but pitied others who had problems.

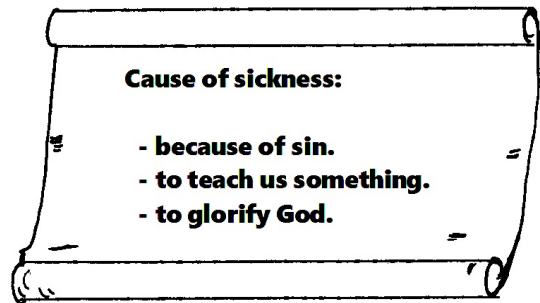
We can learn from Jesus. Sometimes we have lots of problems. We think everyone should pity us. Jesus helped others even when He had problems. We should help others at all times, even when we have problems.

A. Cause of sickness, John 9:1-3.

1. Because of sin, John 9:1-3.

When Jesus lived on earth, many people thought all sickness came because of sin. Jesus had healed the sick man at the pool. Later Jesus said to him,

“Stop sinning or something worse will come to you,” John 5:14 (N.L.T.)



The sick man at the pool must have been sick because he sinned. Many children are sick today because their parents sinned before the children were born. The sin of Adam brought sickness into the world, Romans 5:12.

Jesus and His disciples saw a man who was born blind. They stopped to look at him. The disciples asked Jesus,

“Whose sin made this man to be born blind? Was it the sin of this man or the sin of his parents?” John 9:2 (N.L.T.)

How did Jesus answer them? John 9:3

2. To teach us something, John 9:3.

Not all sickness comes from sin. God uses sickness to teach us something. Sometimes He even uses sorrow to teach us something. This was true in the life of Job, Job 5:17. This is true in our lives. When we get sick or have sorrow, we should ask God, “What do You want to teach me?”

When we are sick or have sorrow, we should think about these things:

- 1) Maybe we have sin in our lives. We must confess our sin.

- 2) Maybe God is trying to teach us to trust Him more.
- 3) Maybe God is using sickness to help others see how great He is.

God used the blindness of this man to show how great He is. The man was blind so that the work of God could be seen in him.

What does Romans 8:28 tell us?

(This is a good verse to memorize. You will need it many times.)

No one had ever made a man to see who was born blind. This was impossible for any man to do. Only God could do this.

B. Jesus, the Light of the world, John 9:4-5.

What do we read in

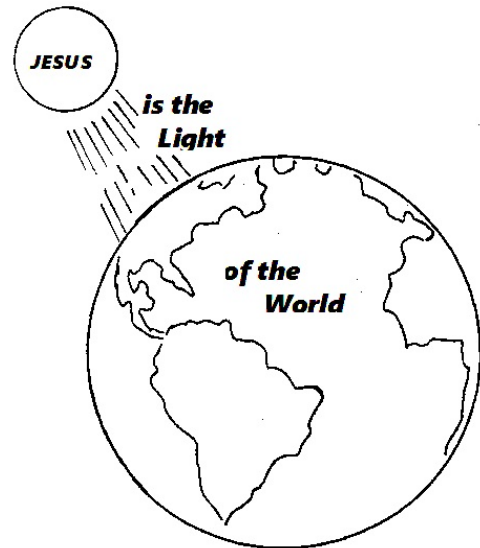
John 8:12?

What are the words of Jesus in

John 9:5?

Jesus, the Light, could give light to the blind man. He also could give spiritual light. (When Jesus comes into our lives, He gives us light, 2 Corinthians 4:6).

Jesus also said He must work during the day. The night would come when no one could work. His time to work before His death was short. He must use **all** His time. Our time is short. We should use **all** our time.



Now that Jesus Christ is in heaven, we get our light from His Word.

What does Psalm 119:105 tell us?

What does Psalm 119:130 tell us?

When we follow Christ we walk in _____, John 8:12.

We can see the tricks of Satan, John 3:19-21. Therefore we can stay out of the traps of Satan.

C. Jesus gives sight, John 9:6,7.

What did Jesus put on the eyes of the blind man? John 9:6

How did He make this? John 9:6

Some of the rabbis or synagogue leaders, used spittle as a medicine to treat eyes. (M. Unger, *Unger's Bible Dictionary*, p. 1043. Copyright 1957,61, 66. Moody Press, Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Used by permission.) **Why Jesus used this we do not know. We know God did the healing.**



Then Jesus asked the man to wash in the pool of Siloam. The blind man had to walk to the pool. Everyone saw the clay on his eyes. Jesus tested the man to see if he would obey.

What did the blind man do? John 9:7

The blind man received his sight. He could see. One thing we must remember - God never does for us the things we can do for ourselves. He is always ready to do for us the things we cannot do for ourselves. We must be willing to obey Him before He will help us.

D. Results of the sight, John 9:8-41.

1. The blind man told his neighbors what happened.

What did some neighbors say about the man?

John 9:8 “ ”

What did other neighbors say? John 9:9

No one had ever heard of a man born blind being made to see. They thought it was impossible.

What did the blind man say? John 9:9

He told the people what happened to him.

2. The blind man told the Pharisees what happened.

The people took this man to the Pharisees. They too wanted to know what happened to him. Again, the blind man told what happened to him.



Did the Pharisees believe the man had been blind? John 9:18

Whom did they call? John 9:18

What did the parents say about the man?

John 9:20

There were two things the Pharisees could not argue about anymore. 1) The man was born blind. 2) The man could now see. So they argued about some other things.

Some said that Jesus was not from God. Why did they say this?

John 9:16

What did others say? John 9:16

So the Pharisees asked the blind man what he thought of Jesus. What did he say?

John 9:17

These leaders were not happy that the man could see. They wanted to find a way to get Jesus into trouble. They wanted an excuse to kill Jesus.

At last the leaders made fun of the blind man. They said that they were the disciples of Moses.

Why?

Did they know where Jesus came from?

The religious leaders knew these things were true. They could not argue anymore. Yet, they did **NOT WANT** to believe.

What did they do? John 9:34

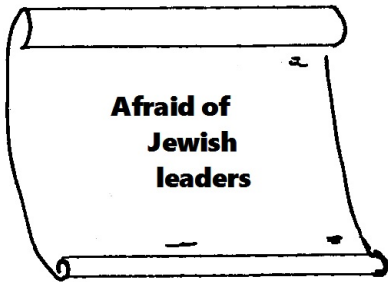
This means he had no part in their religion anymore. The man did not belong to the Jewish religion anymore.

When a person does not want to believe something is true, he will do everything he can to prove that it is not true. Many people do not want to believe the Bible. They always try to find something wrong with the Bible. Some who have tried to find something wrong with the Bible, ended up believing the Bible. Some of these trusted Christ as their Savior.

After this the blind man said several important things:

- 1) You don't know where Jesus comes from but he opened my eyes. I can see. John 9:30**
- 2) God does not hear sinners, John 9:31.**
- 3) No one has ever heard that a man born blind was made to see, John 9:32.**
- 4) If Jesus were not of God, He could not do anything, John 9:33.**

3. The parents showed they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.



Notice the answer the parents gave to the religious leaders, John 9:18-23.

Did this help the leaders to believe?

The religious leaders asked the parents,

"How then doth he now see?" John 9:19

Did the parents know how their son got his sight?

What did the parents tell the religious leaders?

Why did they answer the religious leaders in this way?

Do we sometimes do the same thing?

Many times people do not trust Christ as their Savior because they are afraid of others. Many times Christians do not talk about Jesus because they are afraid of others.

What can we do to get rid of this fear? 1 John 4:17-19

4. The blind man could understand the things of God.

Notice how this man who had been blind saw the things of God.

When he first saw Jesus, he saw Him as a	(V.11).
Later he called Jesus	(v.17).
Jesus showed Himself to be	(v.35).
Then the man called Him	(v.38).

We cannot understand the things of God until Jesus opens our eyes. He causes us to see our sin, 2 Corinthians 4:6. The man believed Jesus and washed his eyes. Because the man believed, he could see.

When we believe what Jesus shows us, we will have the Light of Life which Jesus gives, John 8:12.

5. Jesus showed His great love, John 9:34-38.

The man was put out of the Jewish place of worship. Yet, we see Jesus looking for him. Jesus looked for him until He found him. When Jesus found him, He showed the man a great truth.

He showed the man that He was the . (John 9:35-37).

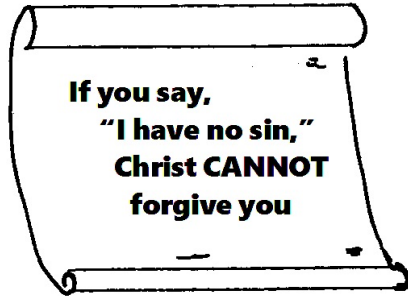
What did the man do? John 9:38 .

Jesus is near all those who believe on Him. He is near when there are troubles. Yes, Jesus looks for everyone who speaks up for Him.

6. Jesus told the Pharisees that they were blind, John 9:39-41.

Some of the Pharisees listened while Jesus talked to the blind man. What was the question they asked Jesus?
John 9:40 .

Jesus told the Pharisees that as long as they thought they did not have sin they were blind. Once they were ready to say that they were sinners, they could see that everything Jesus did was from God. Also they would see that Jesus was God.



Because the Pharisees were proud, they did not want to confess their sin. They wanted the people to honor them and follow them. The Pharisees wanted the people to obey them rather than God. Therefore they were still blind and Jesus could not forgive them.

IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER

1. A person can be sick because
 - 1) of sin.
 - 2) God wants to teach him something.
 - 3) God wants others to see how great He is.
2. Jesus is the Light of the world. He said, "I am the Light of the world," John 8:12.
3. Jesus healed a man born blind.
4. Four important things the blind man said are:
 - 1) You don't know where Jesus comes from, but He opened my eyes. I can see. John 9:30.
 - 2) God does not hear sinners, John 9:31.
 - 3) No one has ever heard that a man born blind was made to see, John 9:32.
 - 4) If Jesus were not of God, He could not do anything, John 9:33.
5. When we **believe** what Jesus tells us, we have the Light of Life which Jesus gives, John 8:12.
6. If we say, "I have no sin," Christ cannot forgive us.

WORDS TO LEARN

1. blind - cannot see anything.
2. prove - to show that something is or is not true.
3. sight - to be able to see.

Lesson 10 - Review

Write the letter of the right answer on the blank.

1. The man was born blind because
 - a. his parents sinned.
 - b. the man sinned.
 - c. God would show His work.

2. The neighbors said this man was
 - a. the man who was blind.
 - b. like the man who was blind.
 - c. a different man.

3. The Pharisees said Jesus did
 - a. a good work.
 - b. wrong because He healed on the Sabbath.
 - c. not make the blind man to see.

4. The parents did not tell the Pharisees how their son could see because
 - a. they did not know.
 - b. they wanted to keep this a secret.
 - c. they were afraid of the Jewish leaders.

5. The religious leaders
 - a. were happy that the man could see.
 - b. threw the man out of their religion.
 - c. told the people what Jesus had done.

6. Jesus told the blind man
 - a. you are made well.
 - b. you go and wash in the pool of Siloam.
 - c. you should go to work.

7. When Jesus heard about what the Pharisees did to the man,
 - a. He looked for the man till He found him.
 - b. He said it was all right.
 - c. He did not do anything.

8. **Fill in the blanks.**
 - 1) When the blind man first saw Jesus, he saw Him as a .
 - 2) Later he called Jesus .
 - 3) Jesus showed Himself to be .
 - 4) Then he called Jesus .

9. Write out John 9:4,5.

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