

JOHN 9: HEALING OF THE MAN BORN BLIND

Three points to prepare us for the text:

1. This miracle is to be identified with Christ's "Light of the World" discourse in the previous chapter (compare 8:12; 9:5).
2. The blind man's physical cure precedes his spiritual cure: i. e., his coming to faith in Christ.
3. Ch. 9, as we shall see, illustrates human-viewpoint-theology that is 100% wrong!

9:1-5 The Setting for the Miracle

v 1 Intro to the man born blind

v 2 As seen by the Disciples: the first example of _____ - _____ theology.

"Did he sin before he was born?" _____ teaching!

"Or did his parents sin?"

"His blindness is obviously God's retributive _____ due to sin."

v 34 indicates that the Pharisees harbored this same viewpoint.

v 3 As seen by Jesus: "You are wrong. Sin is not the issue. This blind man furnishes occasion to display God's glorious _____!" Cmp. 11:4.

v 4,5 THESE VERSES ARE THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THIS WHOLE EVENT!

-Jesus as "the light of the world" _____ darkness & spiritual blindness.

-He works the works of the Father. See also 6:29.

9:6-7 The Miracle Expressed Briefly

v 6,7 Why the mud & spittle? We are not told.

The pool of Siloam = Hbr., *Shiloah* = "sent" or "conducted" (water via Hezekiah's tunnel)

Remarkable is the _____ of the miracle account contrasted with the detailed account of its _____! DID THE BLIND MAN OBEY JESUS? Significance?

9:8-38 The Results or Fall-out of the Miracle (a series of dialogues)

v 8-12 Dialogue with his immediate neighbors: HIS _____!

v 13-17 Dialogue with the Pharisees: HIS _____!

v 16a 2nd Example of Human-viewpoint Theology

Major Premise: anyone who is from God _____ the Sabbath.

Minor Premise: this man (Jesus) does not keep the Sabbath.

Conclusion: this man is _____ from God.

-2- (Sign #6, G. of John cont'd)

v 16b An Opposing Theological Viewpoint

Major Premise: only one from God (not a sinner) can do such signs.

Minor premise: this man Jesus WITH THAT _____ IN MIND has opened the blind man's eyes.

Conclusion: this man Jesus is from God (not a sinner).

**v 18-23 Dialogue: His Parents & Jewish Leaders: THEIR FEAR OF THE _____!
CONFESSING CHRIST MEANT _____ FROM THE SYNAGOGUE!**

v 24-34 Dialogue with the Leaders (Pharisees) of the Synagogue: HIS _____!

v 30-33 THE HEALED BLIND MAN REMINDS THEM OF THEIR OWN _____!

v 34 The leaders _____ the healed man.

v 35-38 Dialogue with Jesus: HIS _____!

“YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD (ETERNAL DEITY): I _____ (PROSKUNO) YOU.”

9:39-41 Jesus' Application (THE MESSAGE) of this Episode

v 39 Two purposes: (paraphrase in context): “I am the light of the world (v 5): as such I am come that the _____ blind might see and that they who think that think that they see (apart from my light) might be made blind.”

v 40 The _____ question of some Pharisees.

v 41 Jesus came to awaken men to a sense of spiritual blindness that only His light can

_____.

_____ Him as the ultimate source of spiritual truth and you will forever remain spiritually _____.

THE BLIND MAN'S PHYSICAL CONDITION IS SYMBOLIC OF EVERY MAN'S SPIRITUAL NEED.

How does this sign-miracle manifest the deity of Christ?