

The Blindness Necessary To See The Truth

John 9

Blindness A Negative and Positive Quality In Searching For Truth

- Being blind in a spiritual sense is described as a negative that will prevent us from discerning the truth in God's Word
- However, in John 9, being blind is used in a positive way to show that only those who are blind to error will be able to humbly receive the truth of God's Word

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Mat 15:14 "Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

2Co 4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

2Co 4:4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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- In John 9, Jesus heals a man born blind
- Because he was blinded to erroneous prejudicial thinking, the miraculously healed blind man was able to see the truth about Jesus, He is the Son of Man, the Light of the world
- In contrast, the Pharisees and their followers persistently held onto error rejecting incontrovertible evidence, the man born blind now seeing right in front of them

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Joh 9:39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

Joh 9:40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, "We are not blind too, are we?"

Joh 9:41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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Jesus Heals A Man Born Blind

Joh 9:1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.

Joh 9:2 And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"

Joh 9:3 Jesus answered, "*It was* neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

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Joh 9:4 "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.

Joh 9:5 "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."

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Jesus Heals A Man Born Blind

Joh 9:6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,

Joh 9:7 and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing.

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Neighbors Will Not Honestly Evaluate The Evidence On Their Own

Joh 9:8 Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, "Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Joh 9:9 Others were saying, "This is he," *still* others were saying, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the one."

Joh 9:10 So they were saying to him, "How then were your eyes opened?"

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The Formerly Blind Man Testifies About Jesus Healing Him

Joh 9:11 He answered, "The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash'; so I went away and washed, and I received sight."

Joh 9:12 They said to him, "Where is He?" He *said*, "I do not know."

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The Pharisees See Jesus As A Sabbath Breaker In Spite of Evidence

Joh 9:13 They *brought* to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind.

Joh 9:14 Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

Joh 9:15 Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And he said to them, "He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see."

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Joh 9:16 Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, "This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." But others were saying, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And there was a division among them.

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The Formerly Blind Man Sees Jesus As A Prophet

Joh 9:17 So they *said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?" And he said, "He is a prophet."

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His Parents Deny The Evidence Fearing The Pharisees

Joh 9:18 The Jews then did not believe *it* of him, that he had been blind and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight, Joh 9:19 and questioned them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?"

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His Parents Deny The Evidence Fearing The Pharisees

Joh 9:20 His parents answered them and said, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

Joh 9:21 but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself."

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His Parents Deny The Evidence Fearing The Pharisees

Joh 9:22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.

Joh 9:23 For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

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Joh 9:24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, "Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner."

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Joh 9:25 He then answered, "Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

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Joh 9:26 So they said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

Joh 9:27 He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?"

Joh 9:28 They reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.

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Joh 9:29 "We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from."

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The Formerly Blind Man Sees Jesus Being From God

Joh 9:30 The man answered and said to them, "Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes.

Joh 9:31 "We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.

Joh 9:32 "Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.

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Joh 9:33 "If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."

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The Pharisees Persecute The Formerly Blind Man

Joh 9:34 They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?" So they put him out.

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Upon Further Evidence The Formerly Blind Man Sees Jesus As The Son of Man

Joh 9:35 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

Joh 9:36 He answered, "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

Joh 9:37 Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you."

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Upon Further Evidence The Formerly Blind Man Sees Jesus As The Son of Man

Joh 9:38 And he said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped Him.

Joh 9:39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

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The Pharisees Unwilling To Become Blind To Error and See The Truth About Jesus

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The Pharisees Unwilling To Become Blind To Error and See The Truth About Jesus

- They proudly said we see when they openly held onto error and rejected the truth about Jesus in spite of evidence
- If they had been humble and honest as the blind man who received the truth, they would have no sin
- Like the blind man, they should have been willing to be blind to error and receive and obey the truth revealed by Jesus the Light of the world

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