

## The Blindness Necessary To See The Truth v2

John 9

Blindness most always a negative spiritual quality preventing us from seeing truth

- Being blind in a spiritual sense is usually described as a negative that will prevent us from discerning the truth of God's Word
- However, uniquely in John 9, being blind is used in a positive way
- Jesus states that being blind is necessary to seeing truth
- How is this possible?
- In John 9, we see the answer

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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."

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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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## Jesus heals a man born blind

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 on their own will not honestly evaluate the evidence

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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## The Pharisees see Jesus as a Sabbath breaker in spite of evidence

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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## The Pharisees see Jesus as a sinner in spite of evidence

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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## The formerly blind man testifies about Jesus healing him

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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## The Pharisees see Jesus as a sinner in spite of evidence

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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## The Pharisees see Jesus as a sinner in spite of evidence

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.

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## The formerly blind man sees Jesus being from God

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

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

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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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 man born blind, who saw the truth, they would have no sin
- Like the blind man, they should have been willing to be blind to error and see and obey the truth revealed by Jesus the Light of the world