

YE BLIND, BEHOLD YOUR SAVIOR

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John 9:1-41

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

John 9:3-5

Healing the blind man, Christ exhibited His great compassion, His power and His deity. He revealed that He is the one who can deliver, not only from physical blindness, but from all darkness, physical and spiritual; that He is the light of the world. “The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (II Corinthians 4:4).

Christ proclaimed, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord” (Luke 4:18).

“This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God” (John 3:19-21).

Refusal to believe in Jesus Christ is blindness of the soul. Those suffering this condition live in spiritual darkness. This was exhibited in the response of the Pharisees when Christ healed the blind man. They would not accept that Christ had performed this miracle. First they sought to deny that the man had been blind, thereby to reject the fact that Christ had healed him. When the evidence of his healing was undeniable, they pressed the man to affirm that it was not Christ who had given him sight. Therein is demonstrated again that unbelief is not the product of insufficient evidence, but the manifestation of a hardened heart.

Christ warns that God Himself will send spiritual blindness to those who refuse to believe. “Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them. But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them” (John 12:25-40).

Christ gave the blind man sight. More significant, He gave him spiritual eyes to behold and recognize his only Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. That day the miracle that was two-fold. The blind man's blindness and his healing were employed to reveal that Jesus is the light of the world.

