

The Gospel of John

John 9 – “Born Blind for the Glory of God & Worship of Christ”

I. Not the Life He Wanted

A. The Man’s Condition

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

B. The Savior’s Look

Ephesians 2:4-5 - “But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved.”

C. The Disciples’ Question

Note: In some measure, the disciples do have a point in that all suffering & pain & sickness & disease & death is a result of sin in general.

Romans 5:12 – “Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.”

Romans 8:22 – “For we know that the whole of creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.”

Luke 13:1-5 – “There were some present at that very time who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And He answered them, ‘Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Of those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.’”

II. A Lesson in God’s Glory & Eternal Purposes

A. Jesus Moves Them from “Cause” to “Purpose”

Note: Trials/hardships/difficulties are NOT random or purposeless!

Note: Suffering & hardship must be understood in relation to God’s glory.

Romans 8:28 – “**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.**”

Note: God & His purposes are more important than our immediate comfort.

B. Jesus Heals This Man in a Most Unusual Way!

Why does Jesus choose to heal in this way??? *Why the spit???* *Why the mud???*

So why does Jesus do this??? *Why does Jesus insist on healing on the Sabbath and infuriating the religious leaders???*

- 1) Jesus heals on the Sabbath to show that He's Lord of the Sabbath.
- 2) Jesus heals on the Sabbath to show His equality with God the Father.
- 3) Jesus heals on the Sabbath to show the true purpose of the Sabbath.
- 4) Jesus heals on the Sabbath for the purpose of stirring up controversy.

III. Corrupt Cruel Contentious Controversy!

A. Controversy Among Neighbors & Acquaintances

B. Controversy Among the Pharisees Themselves

C. Controversy Among the Man's Parents and the Pharisees

John 3:19 –

D. Controversy Among the Healed Man and the Pharisees

John 5:23b; John 5:39; Luke 6:26 –

E. Instead of Conflict, a Beautiful Conversation Between Jesus and the Man

Daniel 7:13-14 – “I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a Son of Man, and He came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. And to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him; His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

Note: Without any ambiguity, Jesus claims to be the Messiah, the Son of Man.

Note: This man confesses Jesus as “Lord”, “Son of Man”, & worthy of worship.

Note: Jesus had no problem accepting & receiving worship from this man.

Acts 10:25-26 – “When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshipped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, ‘Stand up; I too am a man.’”

Revelation 19:10 – “Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, ‘You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.’”