

## John 9

### Jesus heals a man born blind. "I am The Light of the World."

- 1 Blind from birth. Not temporary or result of an accident.
- 2 "Who sinned?" Simplistic attitude – Someone must be to blame. All sickness may be traced back to the effects of Adam's sin which brought sickness and death into the human race. Some sickness is self inflicted e.g. lung cancer.
- 3 This instance was sovereignly permitted by God for the display of His grace and power. All of our afflictions are an opportunity to show God's glory in sustaining or delivering His people.
- 4 The Lord Jesus was here to do God's work for a limited time. The day time is the time for work and service, when night comes the opportunity is gone for us also.
- 5 He is about to demonstrate that He is The Light of the world.
- 6, 7 The Lord Jesus used an unusual method of healing this man. Sometimes He used means to heal, sometimes not. The man believed Him and therefore obeyed Him.
- 8, 9 There was some confusion about his identity. He was no longer blind or a beggar.
- 10-12 Questioned, he gives an account of his healing.
- 13-16 Brought before the Pharisees he repeats his account. They were upset because another healing had occurred on a Sabbath day. The Lord Jesus healed seven times on Sabbath days thus challenging the traditional position. They were divided.
- 17 They question the man "What do you think?" A prophet – One sent by God.
- 18-21 They question the man's parents. "We don't know, ask him."
- 22, 23 The parents were afraid of being excommunicated.
- 24 They return to attack and discredit the man. "Give God the glory not this sinner. "
- 25 "All I know is, once I was blind but now I see"
- 26, 27 He bravely stands up to them.
- 28, 29 They revile him. "We are followers of Moses." "We don't know about this man"
- 30-33 Again he answers them, defending the One who opened his eyes.
- 34 They condemn him and cast him out. They were determined not to believe.
- 35 The Lord Jesus finds him."Do you believe?"
- 36 Who is He?
- 37 The Lord reveals His identity.
- 38 "I believe!"

**39** Our Lord's comment on the whole controversy. The result of His life and ministry would be judgment. The blind will see. The humble teachable would come to see the truth. Those who pride themselves that they see and know will become blind; i.e. confirmed in their spiritual blindness.

**40, 41** Pharisees overhear. Are we blind?

Those who see their sin and need, have their sins forgiven.

Those who reject the light, remain in their guilt.