

I Can See Clearly Now

John 9:1-41

Right before this passage Jesus makes the clear statement that He is indeed God. Listen to John 8:58-59 "Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple." The Jews think that this man Jesus has a demon, that He's making claims that He is God, and now in chapter 9 He heals a man from blindness! The whole time, the blind ones are the unbelievers! You may have blind loved ones, that spiritually can't see the truth of Jesus! I want to pray this morning that God would give them sight!

The Miracle of the Savior (John 9:1-7) Jesus restored the sight on 8 different occurrences throughout the New Testament. Most scholars agree that Jesus performed 37 miracles that were recorded. This is not counting some of the same miracles recording in different gospels. We truly celebrate this miracle of sight, but it's the spiritual blindness of mankind that only Christ can restore sight to that we really praise. A popular Jewish doctrine was that if a person suffered physically, it was thought that the suffering person or their parents had sinned. Jesus cleared this myth up very quickly in verse 3. The fact is that Jesus is doing miracles daily. If you are breathing and your heart is pumping, it's a miracle from God! Salvation is a miracle! He is doing miracles as we speak today!

The Multiple Reactions to Sight (John 9:8-34)

a. Some will be amazed and want more answers. (John 9:8-12) The pool of Siloam, means sent. We can also parallel that Jesus is the one sent by God. This same pool is mentioned in Isaiah 8:6, a prophecy that displays the Messiah. The Messiah amazes or angers individuals. Thankfully I've been in ministry long enough to witness those who were angry towards God, come to be amazed by His mercy and forgiveness. Paul sees this similar situation at the end of Acts 17 concerning him preaching about Christ's resurrection, some mocked him, some wanted to hear more, and some believed. Although Jesus was meek in His entry to earth, His 2nd coming will be magnificent! He will be the conquering King! Regardless of the decisions from the donkey or the elephant, the lioness lamb is on the throne!

b. Some will be angry and what to arrange death. (John 9:13-34) Remember what Jesus said in John 8:37? ***"I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you."*** According to verses 13 and 16, the Pharisees were more concerned with Jesus healing on the Sabbath than they are of a person being healed. People will become angry with us because we are the salt and light of Jesus. 1 Peter 4:12 ***"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trail when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you."***

The Mercy of the Savior to Give Us Sight (John 9:35-41)

a. His mercy is to give sight to those who cannot see. (John 9:39-40) If you recognize your blindness, Jesus will give you spiritual sight. If you know you need Christ, He will give you guidance, salvation, hope! Psalm 146:8 “the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.”

b. To make blind those who can see. (John 9:39-41) If you think that you can see on your own, without Jesus, you cannot. Pride is the reason many never come to Jesus.

Proverbs 11:2 “When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.”

Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” These are the people who realize, I can’t make without Christ, the one who gives me sight!

Do you remember when you could see clearly? Do you remember when you saw your sin and your clear need for Christ to save you? What a wonderful feeling to see the need for Jesus and see His love and mercy from the Savior!