

## The Blind See

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On a Sabbath day, Jesus healed a man born blind as recorded in John. This man was physically healed after he washed. Jesus performed miracles as signs to draw people's attention so that He could teach them the truths of God. The disciple John included in his gospel only seven miracles of Jesus. Each of these signs warrant our attention.

Looking at this healing of the man from our point of view we see that greater than his physical healing was his growth of spiritual sight and relationship with God. Below we will examine the four steps or revelations of Jesus by the healed man.

**1<sup>st</sup>** His spiritual sight grew by steps or degrees. He first called Jesus a man.

*John 9:11 He answered and said, **A man that is called Jesus** made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.*

**2<sup>nd</sup>** Then as the healed man was questioned by the religious leaders, he called Jesus a prophet because of the miracle performed by Him.

*John 9:17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, **He is a prophet.***

**3<sup>rd</sup>** This man recognized that good things come from God and truly, being given sight was a good thing. He concluded and confessed that Jesus was from God.

*John 9:32-33 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.*

*If **this man were not of God**, he could do nothing.*

**4<sup>th</sup>** Later Jesus revealed Himself as the Son of God to the healed man. This man began to worship Jesus who because He was God accepted the worship.

*John 9:35, 38 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the **Son of God?***

*And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.*

Many of us receive our spiritual sight in the same progression. There is an easy step to believe that Jesus is a man. We have history records and no one debates with the facts Jesus was a man. Another step of faith is to believe that Jesus was a prophet and performed miracles. A miracle worker can easily be called a prophet, one who speaks the words of God. Not much disagreement with this belief. The next big step is believing

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that Jesus was sent from God into a specific place and time to accomplish God's will. The main objective of Jesus' ministry (service) was threefold: [1]to reveal God to man, [2] to attract man to God, and [3] to enable man to enter into a relationship with God. This is a step at which many people balk or hesitate. One has to accept that God can and wants to be involved in our lives. We are met with resistance, conflict, and ridicule when we begin to say “God told me” or “God wants me to ...”

The final step of acknowledging Jesus is to receive Him as the Son of God. Jesus is equal with God, the Father and a part of the Holy Trinity. Jesus came as a willing substitute payment for our sins and shortcomings (past sins, present sins, and future sins).

Jesus completed His teaching at the end of chapter 9 when He confronted the Pharisees.

*John 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.*

*40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?*

*41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.*

Jesus' words at first appear contradictory, but we can see His reason for coming into this world. In verse 39, the word “judgment” is not a condemnation but a decision. Jesus determined to come to make us see. Those who think they understand or have it “all together” are really blind. Only those who admit to themselves that they need to see (understand) will see (spiritually). The opposite condition was present in the Pharisees. They declared we see (understand) but are in actuality are blind (spiritually).

Read and mediate this chapter, putting yourself in role of the man born blind. Study your life and confessions to determine where you are in your progress to worshiping the “Son of God.” Take the role of the Pharisees, if you view yourself as complete in yourself and understanding God, repent and change your heart to begin your progress into eternal life and knowing God (John 17:3).