

John 9: The Blind See

Lesson Theme: Trusting in the Purpose for Which God Created Us

Romans 12:2—

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

John 9:1-12: The Works of Him Who Sent Me

1. God is the Creator. He alone determines the purpose for His creation. (John 9:1-3)

Daniel 4:35—

All the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing;
He does according to His will in the army of heaven
And among the inhabitants of the earth.
No one can restrain His hand
Or say to Him, "What have You done?"

Isaiah 40:21-22—

Have you not known?
Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,
And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers,
Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

2. We are created to be witnesses of God's goodness and glory (the very thing Lucifer refused to do). (John 9:3)

Isaiah 43:10—

"You are My witnesses," says the Lord,
"And My servant whom I have chosen,
That you may know and believe Me,
And understand that I am He.
Before Me there was no God formed,
Nor shall there be after Me.

Ezekiel 28:12-17 (king of Tyre=Lucifer)

3. Time is short. Believe in the Light while you still can. (John 9:4-5)

John 7:33—

Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me.

John 12:36—

While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

4. The power of just a simple testimony of what happened in a personal interaction with Jesus. (John 9:6-12)

John 9:13-41: True Vision vs. Blindness

5. As the religious authorities of that time, the man was brought to the Pharisees for questioning. God used this opportunity as a witness for Jesus for the man born blind. (John 9:13-15)
6. The Pharisees made the same judgment about Jesus that stemmed from their own understanding. (John 9:16a)
7. This caused a division between those who are truly seeking God and those who are just trying to keep control over a situation that threatens their power. (John 9:16b)
8. The Pharisees tried every way to go around the truth in this circumstance because they simply did not want to believe. (John 9:17-18a)
9. Fear kept the man's parents from acknowledging the work of Jesus and giving glory to God. They didn't want to be cast out of the community. (John 9:18b-23)

Proverbs 29:25—

*The fear of man brings a snare,
But whoever trusts in the Lord shall be safe.*

10. Again, the power of simple, child-like testimony about Jesus gives glory to God. (John 9:24-25)
11. The formerly blind man tried to reason with the Pharisees using the Scriptures. This was God extending mercy to the religious leaders. (John 9:26-33) *Exodus 4:11; Psalm 146:8; Isaiah 35:5*
12. But their hearts were too hardened to understand or even care to understand. Instead of facing the reality of the situation that the blind man was indeed healed by Jesus, they just cast the man out. Retaining power was more important to them than truth or a personal relationship with Jesus. (John 9:34)

Matthew 7:6—

“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.”

13. Jesus found the formerly blind man after he was cast out and led Him to a deeper understanding about Himself. It led the man to worship Jesus. (John 9:35-38)
14. True vision only comes from being in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and trusting by faith His plan for the world. (John 9:39-41); *Revelation 3:18*

Isaiah 42:19—

*Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as he who is perfect, And blind as the Lord's servant?*

Conclusions:

- **We can be sure that when God is at work, so is the enemy.**
- A personal interaction with Jesus will yield a simple yet powerful testimony. This can only come when it is from Him to us personally, not through someone else. And it will give us the courage and conviction to share it, no matter what anyone else says or thinks.
- Religious people will always be more interested in holding onto their own power and control than seeking a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Jesus will never leave us nor forsake us, and most especially when we are persecuted for telling the truth about Him. (*Matthew 10:10-12*)
- The real treasure of life is knowing our Savior Jesus more intimately and personally. No power, fame, prestige, money, or any other relationship on this earth, can even compare to this truth. (*Jeremiah 9:23-24*)