

The Light of the World Gives Sight to the Blind

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John 9:1-12

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Light Sent into the Darkness

- Jesus is the Light of the World^{8:12} sent into the darkness^{1:5}
- God designed rhythms of world w/ dichotomy between light & dark^{Gen1:2-4,14}
- Imagery of light & dark doesn't make sense to the blind...
- This man's physical blindness shows us our spiritual blindness
- Scripture is given that we might understand^{2Tim3:16-17} God's greatness^{Ps145:3-5}
- This 'sign' is one of just seven in John's gospel^{Jn20:30-31}
- Jesus SENT by Father to be light^{8:12,16,18,26,29,42} sends blind man to Siloam
- Siloam - water was 'sent' by channel cut in rock by King Hezekiah^{2K20:20; 2Chr32:30} and 'saved' Jerusalem from King Sennacherib^{2Chr32}
- This sign follows ceremony of waters^{Jn7:37-38} and ceremony of lights^{Jn8:12}
- This sign perfectly timed to proclaim Jesus^{Mt4:16} Do you believe^{Jn20:31?}

How the Light Works

- God uses good and bad for His purposes - look at the cross^{Lk9:22; 1Cor15:4; Rm4:24-25}
- Jesus tells us man born blind *that the works of God might be displayed*³
- This blind man had a Sovereignly Ordained Divine Appointment with Jesus!
- Jesus then includes US= "we"⁴ in the call to display the glory of God
- Jesus includes disciples as future leaders of the Church to display God's glory
- Jesus later prays for us, the Church^{Jn17:21-23} *so that the world may know...*
- What an amazing calling given to us - the Church! We are to be about the work of sharing the Gospel so that the world might see Jesus in us^{Jn20:21!}
- Peter later affirms this idea^{1Pet2:9-12} that others might glorify God...
- Start everyday with prayer for Sovereignly Ordained Divine Appointments
- Pray continually... so you might share Jesus & His Gracious Glory^{1Pet3:15-16}

The Urgency of Our Calling

- There is an urgency in our work: *night is coming when no one can work*⁴
- In that day no artificial lights so only could work during the day
- Apply: we must be doing Jesus' work while we have the time
- 1st - Jesus will return again^{Mt24:30-44}
- 2nd - our lives are but a vapor^{Jms4:14} use your time wisely!
- Jonathan Edwards Resolutions^{<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-resolutions-of-jonathan-edwards>}

Where Did He Go?

- Jesus placed mud on man's eyes, told him to wash in pool of Siloam and: *So he went and washed and came back seeing*⁷
- v8-12 controversy and amazement at blind man being given sight...
- When former blind man asked "where is he?" He said, "I do not know."¹²
- After healing, Jesus disappeared from public view...
- Jesus appears to man after he is 'cast out'³⁴
- Great question that was asked, *where is He?*
- After He completed His work: Jn 19:30,38-42; 20:1-17; ministered Act 1:3
- Ascended to the Father^{Act1:9} and reigns until He will return again!
- Are you a believer? If so then entrusted with shining the light of His Gospel to the dark world around you!