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### The Book of John

#### Lesson 20 a witness

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Read John 9:1-38

You will want to preface the chapter with He hath brought us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Verse 1. *And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?* I have read in Jewish history books that the Pharisees taught that a person could actually sin in the womb, so when they say, who hath sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind, a man's sin would have to pre-date his birth in order for that to be understood and a reference is in Hosea 12:2-3 which speaks of Jacob and says he took his brother by the heel in the womb and by his strength he had power with God. The Pharisees understood that it was possible for a person to act while yet in the womb. Can you think of another case of action in the womb? John the Baptist leaped in his mother's womb. There was this idea that if a man was born blind somebody was being punished; which is an odd notion and does not hold true to the Bible, see Romans 5:13.

Verse 3. *Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents:* Obviously He is not saying that they were not sinners, but in regard to the question, no ones sin was the cause of his blindness. This is a very important passage to remember as you get out in the ministry of dealing with people. People are going to say, what did I do to bring this upon me? Why is my child handicapped? Why did my son have that accident? Did God allow my husband to die? What sin am I being punished for? Verse 3 says, *but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*

The Lord allows imperfect birth or imperfect physical condition so that He can work in the life of that person for His honour and glory. There are many people in the vicinity in John 9 who were not physically handicapped or blind from birth, but the Lord did not work anything in their lives to get honour and glory to His name.

Verse 4. *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.* Light like God is a trinity. It has a heat ray. The color is red. It is felt but not seen like the Father. Then there is the light ray. The color is yellow. It is seen but not felt like God the Son,. The third, is the actinic or chemical ray. It is blue. It is not seen or felt but it is present revealed by effects in a chemical action that produces changes, like the Holy Spirit. When you see the Sun remember it is another picture of God in our universe.

Verse 6. *When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,* Jesus is so holy, even His spit is clean. If anybody else spit on your face, it would be an insult; but the Lord makes it a blessing. Do you remember when God made the first man out of the dust of the ground? God made this man but He is not finished. He does not have his eyesight. Jesus is going to take a little dust from the ground and finish this man. The very act of spitting on the ground and making this clay speaks of His deity – He is pointing us back in our minds, to Genesis, who took dust and wrought a physical specimen called man.

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Verse 7. *And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.* Can you imagine this blind man getting out of the water running down the street towards a building, people watching him thinking "he is going to run into to that building and break his face", down the street he runs heading towards, walls, crowds of people, a cart full of straw, yet he is not hitting them he is running around each obstacle and missing each one. It must have been amazing to live in those days and seen real miracles.

Verse 8. *The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?* It must have been an awful thing to have been blind in those days or today in an impoverished nation. *Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.* I want you to note the *I* throughout the chapter - this blind man, He is testifying. *I am he.* I am the one that was blind.

Verse 10. *Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? He answered and said...* Now set a side a little place on your page where you are taking notes because we are going to fill something in as we go. In verse 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, ....I went and washed...* He did exactly what Jesus went and told him to do. *...and I received sight.* I did what Jesus said to do and just what Jesus said would happen happened – I received my sight. *Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.* That is how you witness. You tell what you know and what you do not know you say I do not know.

Verse 13. *They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.* Here we go again, when you witness it is best if you stick to the same point, stay with what you know. *Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.* Now previously there had been a division among the people. Now there is a division among the Pharisees. Some of them have enough integrity and honesty about them to know, we just cannot keep opposing these miracles. The evidence is mounting that he is not a sinner and that he might just be who he says he is.

Verse 17. *They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes?* (For your note space.) *He said, He is a prophet.* In verse 11, He said, *A man that is called Jesus.* In verse 17, *He is a prophet.* Listen to what I am telling you. This man has not been to a Bible study, though bible study is good. This man has not had a conversation with Jesus, though conversing with Jesus is good. But as he testifies to the working of the Lord in his life, the Holy Spirit has taken him to a deeper level of understanding.

Verse 18. *But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.* You know, I can understand this – nobody else can

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testify for you. When you come home saved, mom and dad knew what you were and they know what you are but they really do not know how it happened.

Look at verse 22. Now he told them. *These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.* The reason why they declined to answer was because of pressure from the Pharisees. These people believed that they could not go to heaven unless they were in a right relationship with God. They believed they could not have a right relationship with God apart from the Temple. They were taught that they could not have a right relationship with the Temple without the Pharisees approval.

In our world today, you have people who at some point or time in their life trusted Jesus Christ as their Saviour but they are not going to talk about it, though we know they should, because it is so deeply ingrained in them that you cannot get the full benefit of heaven if you do not come by way of some Church, denomination, or holy man. There are people, they know that Jesus is the Christ. They see the changed life in their fanatical friends and loved ones, but if I start talking like they are talking, they will lose all their rewards and get them thrown out of the church. This pressure brought to bear by religions in God's name; is so oppressive and is so hateful to people that it stands in their way to confessing Jesus Christ. Whether or not his parents believed we really do not know. They know the facts. They just were not willing to stand up because they did not want to give up their Temple recommendation.

Verse 24. *Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.* What did they want him to do? The same thing that Jesus rebuked them for in chapter 8 own God, but deny Christ. Jesus said if you do that you will die in your sins. *He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not:* Look at his witness. He said, I cannot answer all of your theological arguments. He testified only what he knew. *...one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.* That is how easy it is to witness.

I do not know everything there is to know about the God and the Bible. There is no way to respond expertly to every objection and argument – but this I know what He did for me. Once I was rebellious a drunk, a dooper, now I am sober and humble. Testifying what He has done for us, this is witnessing.

Verse 26. *Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?* This is great. *He answered them, I have told you already,* Look – what did he learn about witnessing? If somebody just wants to argue the same ground over and over again, you do not have to fool with it. *I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?* This once blind man really had guts he just put these Pharisees in the their place. Look again, the man has been blind his whole life and they did not do anything for him, they never helped him when he was begging for food. He did not owe these Pharisees anything. He had no loyalty to the Pharisees. What has the world's religious system done for you? This man became bold when he realized what Jesus did for him.

Verse 28. *Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple;* Well, hallelujah. Because he testified, he was reviled; but he was known to those who reviled him as a disciple of Jesus Christ. That is a good thing, if they are going to make fun of you, make sure they are making fun of you because you are His disciple. If they are going to revile,

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ridicule and harass you, let it be because you are a disciple of Jesus. ...*but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.* Do you remember just two chapters ago, *Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet...* Well, they must not have searched and looked because they still do not know where He is from. They are not doing their homework. Their minds are made up.

Verse 30. *The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.* This guy is standing there preaching to the Pharisees on why he is right and they are wrong and he is not backing down. It is truly amazing what God can do with a saved child of God, once we open our mouths and testify on His behalf, He imparts power.

(1 Corinthians 1:18) *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.* (Okay, in your little space...) Verse 33. He is a man of God – He is God's man. Now in verse 11, He was a man that was called Jesus. In verse 17, He was a prophet. In verse 33, He is a man of God. The more this fellow stands up for the Lord, the more understanding the Lord gives him. He is given him his physical eyesight and now his spiritual vision.

Turn to Psalm 146 – keep your finger there in John 9. Psalm 146. I want you to see why this miracle is recorded in the book of John. What is John setting out to prove? Jesus Christ's deity as God. Psalm 146. *Praise ye the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul.* (See the block capital letters? Jehovah God.) *While I live will I praise the LORD: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being. Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God: Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever: Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The LORD looseth the prisoners: The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:*

Who opens the eyes of the blind? The LORD. This man says in John 9:32, *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...* Look, when he says, man of God he is saying this man, (Jesus) He is... I may not understand all this, says the blind man, but He is of God. He has to be.

Look at Psalms 146. In verse 7, *judgment for the oppressed.* Is not that the woman of John 8? He became the judge for her when she was oppressed by those Pharisees? ...*which giveth food to the hungry?* Is not that John 6 feeding of the five thousand? *The LORD looseth the prisoners...* All those Jews were in bondage to Rome? Living under Roman rule. That is the believers in John 8. *The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind...* There is the man in John 9. *The LORD raiseth them that are bowed down...* The man in John 5 that could not get up and walk for thirty-eight years. *The LORD preserveth the strangers;* How about that Samaritan woman in John chapter 4? And then look at this. Psalms 146:6 *But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down...* Where did those Pharisee's end up? They ended up on the bottom. He ended up on the top. He is the Lord. John is written to prove that He is the Lord.

Verse 34. *They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us?* Is not that a great verse? *And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out;* (Is not better to be cast out, John 9:35; or to come out, Second Corinthians 6:17,

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*...come out from among them and be ye separate...;* Or rather to be spewed out, Revelation 3:16. Let the unbelievers cast you out; choose to come out' just do not be lukewarm so the Lord has to spew you out.

Verse 35. *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? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?* Who is he Lord? He knows He is a man of God. Verse 37. *And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe.* By the time this chapter is over, Jesus is the Lord of his life, great to know when all others have cast him out, that is when Jesus came and communed with him? That is when Jesus came and drew near to him. Thank God for that. *And he worshipped him.*

Verse 38. *and worshipped him.* Do you remember what happened when John fell down at the feet of the angel in the book of Revelation 22:9? Do you remember what happened when the man fell down at Peter's feet in Acts 10:26? He said, "Stand up." Do you know what happens when this man worships Jesus? He lets him worship. Matthew 4:10. *...Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.* In Luke chapter 4 and verse 8, *...Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.* So Jesus receives worship.

Notes

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## Lesson 20

Read John 9:1-38

Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. What do verses 1 and 2 suggest to you about the following:
  - a. Sinners vision
  - b. Lord's vision.
  - c. Disciples vision
  
2. Explain the following terms:
  - he is of age
  - a sinner
  - reviled
  - that they which see might be made blind
  - if ye were blind ye should have no sin
  
3. What was right and what was wrong about the disciples reasoning in verse 2?
  
4. In verse 8-12 what was the result of this mans healing?
  
5. What was the response of the religious community to this miracle in verse 8-12?
  
6. What was the significance of the man being sent to the pool?
  
7. What does verse 3 teach us about the many difficulties and handicaps of life?

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8. What does verse 4 and 5, in the context of the blind man, add to our understanding of "the light" in John?
9. What do we learn about witnessing to others from verses 25 and 27?
10. What heart attitude of the Pharisees is revealed in verse 34 and what lesson is there for us in their treatment of this healed blind man?
11. Why do you suppose that Jesus did not come to this man's aid during his conflicts?
12. Trace the designations by which the man refers to Jesus throughout the chapter. What lessons do these names contain regarding spiritual life and growth?

## True/false

- The blind man was being punished by God for his ancestors sinful life.
- The blind man was out of order, preaching to the Pharisees.
- A man, A prophet, of God and Lord has no significance for this lesson



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV)  
John 9:4-5; II Corinthians 6:14; II Corinthians 6:17.