

**Series "Jesus: God And Savior"**  
**"Blindness Is A Choice"**  
**John 9:35-41**  
**Part-35**

**Blindness In Scripture** – is used metaphorically; represents fallen mankind's inability to comprehend divine truth. **Ephesians 4:18.**

**This healing of this man born blind in John's Gospel illustrates the process of salvation.**

**The blind man was healed only after he obeyed Jesus' command and washed in the pool of Siloam.**

**John 9:1-12 – Sight For The Blind.**

**John 9:13-34 – Blind Investigators.**

**John 9:35-41 – Blindness Is A Choice.**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** An Encounter With Jesus Will Result In Spiritual Sight By Faith Or Continuing In Spiritual Blindness Through Unbelief.

**1. Verse 35 – A Challenge To Faith**

**2. Verses 36-38 – A Confession Of Faith**

**3. Verses 39-41 – The Absence Of Faith**

**1. Verse 35 – A Challenge To Faith:**

John 9:35

"Jesus heard that they had put him out," – John 9:32-34.

The Divine Initiative: "and finding him," – Notice who came to who! Jesus went out and sought this man that had been put out by the religious; Romans 3:10-11.

So God reaches out to blind sinners so they to might be saved.

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When Adam and Eve sinned, it was God who sought them out – Genesis 3:7-10

John 5:14

"He said, 'Do you believe'" – The need to personally respond to God.

"believe in" – "trust, reliance upon the truth, depending on Jesus alone for salvation, saving faith in Him, not mere facts."

There is a difference in "believing in" and "believing about"; James 2:19.

This is the Theme of the Gospel of John: John 20:30-31.

"in the "Son of Man?" – some translators "Son of God?" It is talking about the same One, God's Son, The Messiah. "Son of Man?" Used 13X in John; 80X in the Gospels. Jesus is saying "I am the Divine Son of God!" Ezekiel 2:1-3 – His Humanity; Daniel 7:13 – His Messiah-Ship; Messiah – Jesus as the Son of Man.

## **2. Verses 36-38 – A Confession Of Faith:**

John 9:36 – "Lord" is really "sir"; a term of respect.

A Receptive Heart: "Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

John 9:37 – "You have both seen Him," – "You have even seen Him."

"and He is the one who is talking with you." – John 4:26.

John 9:38 – His Confession Of Faith: "And he said, 'Lord, I believe.'" – This is a declaration of his faith! This is all it took to come to spiritual eyesight.

"Lord," – "a term of acknowledgement of the deity of Jesus Christ and His exclusive right to Lordship."

"I believe." – He received spiritual healing.

Verse 11 – A man called Jesus healed him.

Verse 17 – A prophet, sent by God.

Verse 33 – must be from God.

Verse 38 – "Lord": "he said, 'Lord, I believe.'"

John 7:17; John 8:31

His Confession By Word Resulted In Worship: "And he worshiped Him." – The term "worshiped" – "prostrating oneself in homage and adoration; used for the act of worship." Probably fell to the ground and worshipped Jesus!

Matthew 14:33

### **3. Verses 39-41 – The Absence Of Faith:**

John 9:39

The Willfully Blind Receive Judgment: "For judgment I came into this world," – There seems to be a contradiction! John 3:17.

His Purpose In Coming: John 3:17 – "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world," – "the act of judging." When Jesus came, He declared that His purpose for coming to earth was not to hold people accountable for sin or to sit in judgment; He will do this at His Second Coming.

His Result In Coming: John 9:39 – "For judgment I came into this world," – "I didn't come to the world in a judging capacity, but how you respond to me could lead to your condemnation."

Jesus Is The Great Divider: John 3:19-21.

The Blind Man Gained Physical And Spiritual Sight: "so that those who do not see may see;"

The Religious Rejected The Light And Remained Blind: "and that those who see may become blind." – "permanently blind."

Verses 40-41 – The Great Delusion: John 9:40.

"Those of the Pharisees" – means "the separated ones."

"We are not blind too, are we?" – Their question anticipated a negative response from Jesus. "You do not mean to say we too are blind? Why no, of course you are not blind!"; John 7:49.

Jesus would not and could not say that they were not spiritually blind because they were; Matthew 15:14; Matthew 23:24.

The religious, were really saying to Jesus, "Must we come to you for spiritual sight?"

John 9:41

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind," – If the religious will admit they are spiritually blind and cannot see.

"you would have no sin;" – Because if you will admit it to God, God can forgive your sins and cleanse you! Colossians 1:13.

Romans 3:22-23

"but since you say, 'We see,'" – You deny your need, you claim to have spiritual eyesight. You claim righteousness.

Acts 2:22-23; Proverbs 26:12

"If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains." – "Blindness would have been an excuse for your ignorance in spiritual matters, but by claiming spiritual sight (refusing to admit your need), you are blind to your true condition and are left in your sinful state."

**The spiritually blind people conceal their sinfulness in order to bluff themselves and others that they have no need of salvation; John 8:12.**

Romans 11:25

"your sin remains." – Your sin of rejecting the Light, Jesus, the truth.

John 1:9-13

### **Application:**

1. The Way Of Seeing Is The Result Of Our Willingness To Admit We Are Blind. The Beggar Did Not Argue With Jesus. He Acknowledged His Blind Condition And Need.
2. The Beggar Submitted To Jesus In Obedience. Then Came The Miracle. He First Saw With His Eyes. Then He Believed In The Son Of Man And Was Healed In His Heart.
3. If We Humble Ourselves Before God, He Will Speak To Us. If We Will Obey His Command To Believe In His Name, We Too Will Know Him To Be The Truth And The Truth Will Make Us Free.