

The Blind Man's Faith

John 9

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Exodus 15:26

and said, “If you diligently heed the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I *am* the LORD who heals you.”

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Pool of Bethesda

John 5:14

Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you."

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Healing of Paralytic

Mark 2:8-12

8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?”

9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’?

10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” —He said to the paralytic,

11 “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

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Personal Examples

- Unforgiveness
- Unresolved Anger
- Command from God

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Key: Confess the sin and receive
God's Forgiveness.**

The Answer

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Acts 10:38

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were **oppressed by the devil**, for God was with Him.

A Question

But an illness may not be a result of a direct sin.

Luke 13:1-5

¹ There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² And Jesus answered and said to them, **“Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things?”**

³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, **do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem?**

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Most Important: Jesus Paid for Our Healing so we can walk in it.

Isaiah 53:5

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, **And by His stripes we are healed.**

The Answer

John 9:3-5

³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.

⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

Don't Judge!

Instructions

John 9:6-7a

⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ^{7a} And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent).

Records of Jesus Healing Blind

Multitudes Brought Him Blind

Matthew 15:30-31

³⁰ Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them *the* lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them.

³¹ So the multitude marveled when they saw *the* mute speaking, *the* maimed made whole, *the* lame walking, and *the* blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

Records of Jesus Healing Blind

The Blind Came to Jesus

Matthew 21:14

Then *the* blind and *the* lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

Records of Jesus Healing Blind

Demonstrated Jesus was the Messiah

Luke 7:21-22

²¹ And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

²² Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that *the* blind see, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, *the* poor have the gospel preached to them.

Matthew 11:4-5

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Differing Methods

Asked if believed, Touched their eyes

Matthew 9:27-31

²⁷ When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, “Son of David, have mercy on us!”

²⁸ And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith let it be to you.”

³⁰ And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “See *that* no one knows *it*.”

³¹ But when they had departed, they spread the news about Him in all that country.

Differing Methods

Asked what they wanted, Touched their eyes

Matthew 20:29-34

²⁹ Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him.

³⁰ And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!”

³¹ Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!”

³² So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?”

³³ They said to Him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.”

³⁴ So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Differing Methods

Cast out a demon

Matthew 12:22

Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw.

Differing Methods

*Spit in eyes, Put hands on him, Ministered
twice*

Mark 8:22-26

²² Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him.

²³ So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything.

²⁴ And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking."

²⁵ Then He put *His* hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.

²⁶ Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town."

Differing Methods

Asked what wanted, Just spoke

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶ Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸ Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

Differing Methods

Asked what wanted, Just spoke

Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁹ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, “Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.”

⁵⁰ And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

⁵¹ So Jesus answered and said to him, “What do you want Me to do for you?” The blind man said to Him, “Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.”

⁵² Then Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

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Steps

- Made clay out of dirt and saliva
- Anointed eyes with clay
- Go wash at a specific place
- Man had to follow these instructions

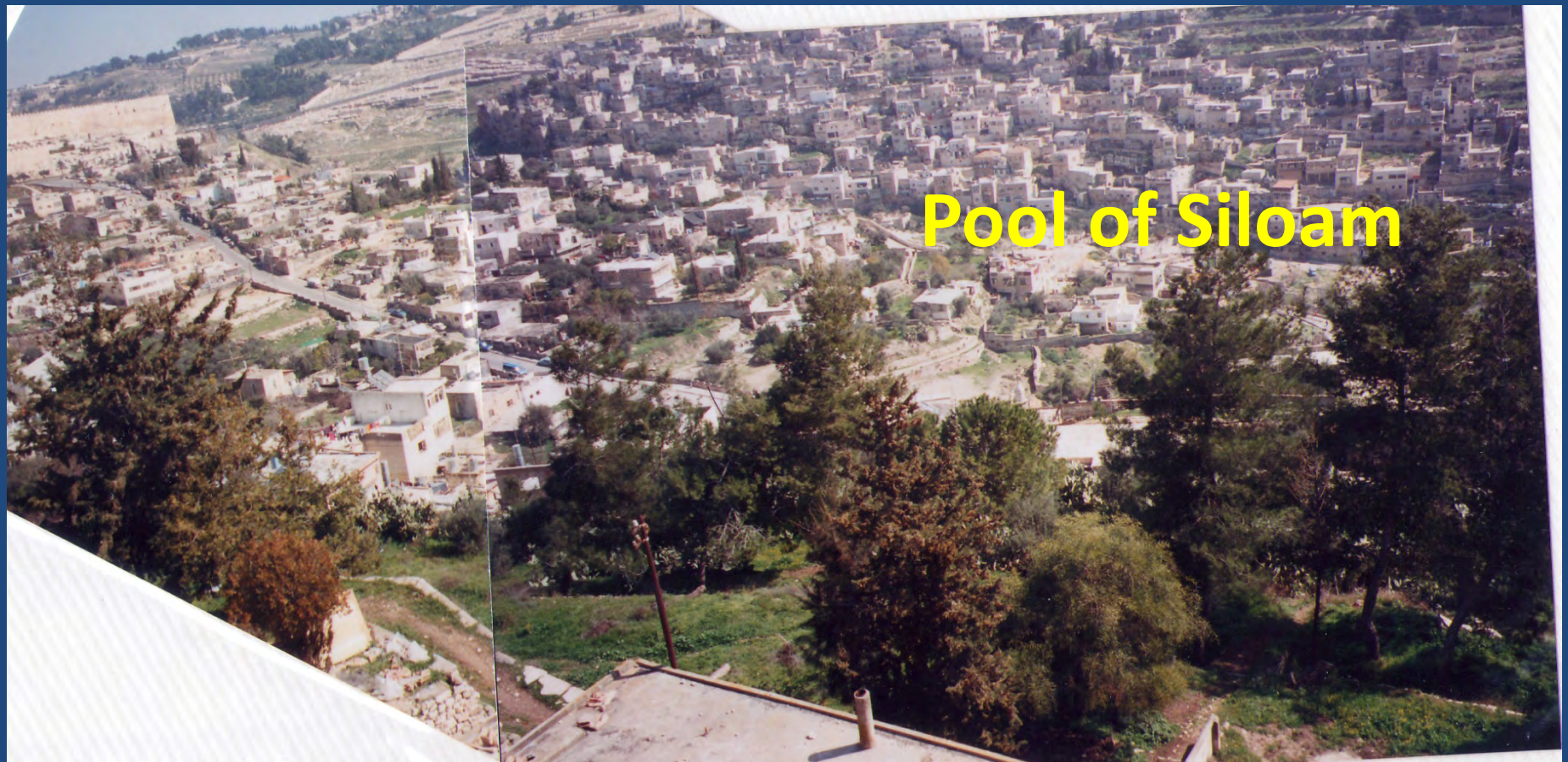
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Temple Mount



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Pool of Siloam

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Deliverance

John 9:6-7

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Obedience – Continuing in the Word

John 8:31-32

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

The Blind Man's Faith

- Obedience – Followed Jesus Word

Going Home

John 9:8-12

⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”

⁹ Some said, “This is he.” Others *said*, “He is like him.” He said, “I am *he*.”

¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

¹¹ He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”

¹² Then they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

Friends and Neighbors Reaction

Matthew 13:57-58

⁵⁷ So they were offended at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house.”

⁵⁸ Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

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- Stood through Neighbors' Unbelief

Deliver up to Councils

John 9:13

They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees.

Interrogation

Matthew 10:17a

But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils...

Sabbath

John 9:14-16a

¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.”

Conflicting Religion

Sabbath

Unlawful?

Matthew 12:1-8

¹ At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.

² And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!”

Deuteronomy 23:24-25

²⁴ “When you come into your neighbor’s vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put *any* in your container.

²⁵ When you come into your neighbor’s standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor’s standing grain.

Sabbath

They would not question David

Matthew 12:1-8 (Continued)

³ But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:

⁴ how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

Sabbath

They would not question Priests

Matthew 12:1-8 (Continued)

⁵ Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

Sabbath

Lord of the Sabbath

Matthew 12:1-8 (Continued)

⁶ Yet I say to you that in this place there is *One* greater than the temple.

⁷ But if you had known what *this* means, 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned the guiltless.

⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Sabbath

Sabbath Made for Man

Parallel Record to Matthew 12:1-8 in

Mark 2:23-28

Luke 6:1-5

Mark 2:27-28

²⁷ And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.

²⁸ Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”

Sabbath

Is it okay to heal on the Sabbath?

Matthew 12:9-14

⁹ Now when He had departed from there, He went into their synagogue.

¹⁰ And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, **“Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”**—that they might accuse Him.

Mark 3:4 (Parallel 3:1-6)

Then He said to them, **“Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?”** But they kept silent.

Luke 6:6-11 (Parallel)

Sabbath

A Man More Valuable than Sheep

Matthew 12:9-14 (Continued)

¹¹ Then He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift *it* out?

¹² **Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep?** Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”

¹³ Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched *it* out, and it was restored as whole as the other.

¹⁴ Then the Pharisees went out and plotted against Him, how they might destroy Him.

Sabbath

Hypocrites

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up.

¹² But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.”

¹³ And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

¹⁴ **But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, “There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day.”**

Sabbath

Hypocrites

Luke 13:10-17 (Continued)

¹⁵ The Lord then answered him and said, “Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead *it* away to water it?

¹⁶ So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound—think of it—for eighteen years, be loosed from **this bond on the Sabbath?”**

¹⁷ And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Division

John 9:16-17

¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

Conflicting Religion

His Parents

John 9:18-21

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 who had received his sight.

¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

²⁰ His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;

²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.”

Unusual Answer

Fear

John 9:22-23

²² His parents said these *things* because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed *that* He *was* Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue.

²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

Fear has torment

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

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- Obedience – Followed Jesus Word
- Stood through Neighbors' Unbelief
- Stood through Parents' Rejection

Investigation Continues

John 9:24-29

²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”

²⁵ He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

²⁶ Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

²⁷ He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples.

²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for this fellow*, we do not know where He is from.”

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Investigation Continues

John 9:30-34

³⁰ The man answered and said to them, “Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!

³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.

³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.

³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

³⁴ They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.

They cast him out

Complete Rejection

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- Stood through Complete Rejection

Jesus Never Forsakes

John 9:35-38

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, “Do you believe in the Son of God?”

³⁶ He answered and said, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

³⁷ And Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you.”

³⁸ Then he said, “Lord, I believe!” And he worshiped Him.

Hebrews 13:5b

For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

Lord I Believe

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- Stood through Interrogation
- Stood through Complete Rejection
- Believed on the Son of God

Confessed Jesus is Lord

True Blindness

John 9:39-41

³⁹ And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

⁴⁰ Then *some* of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?”

⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.

*Rejection of Christ despite the evidence is
True Spiritual Blindness*

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