

LIGHT REVEALS THE UNSEEN-HIDDEN

John 9:39-41

Introduction: It is no secret what light can do, for everyone has had to use means of light (candles, flashlights, lanterns, torches, etc.) often in order to be able to see. Without light there can be danger and harm for anyone who is in darkness. Jesus came to be "light to the world" but in doing so He revealed much falseness that had been hidden/unseen through the centuries. Jesus said that He had come to "seek and to save" but in doing so He had to bring judgment upon those who were determined to stay in their darkness of beliefs and insist that everyone else remain there as well.

I. JESUS' LIGHT ENABLED THOSE TO SEE WHO HADN'T SEEN BEFORE

1. There were those who were longing for the "light" but they had not seen it yet.
 - There were/are those whose knowledge of spiritual things is limited, who knew not the law but are aware of their unknowing but want to know.
 - Jesus called these who want to know but don't know "babes." (*Matthew 11:25; Luke 10:21*)
 - There are those whose hearts and minds are open for the light/truth and when it comes, they eagerly receive it.
2. There were those who were not "of the fold" or Jews, who were in very deep spiritual darkness and Jesus was to bring them "light" as well (Gentiles).
3. As the physically blind eyes were touched and healed by Jesus, giving sight to those who had been blind, rejoiced greatly, so it was with those who's spiritually blind eyes were opened such as the Samaritans who gladly received Him and believed His Word.

II. JESUS' LIGHT BLINDED THOSE WHO THOUGHT THEY COULD SEE

1. There were those who prided themselves on their knowledge of the Law and who thought themselves perfect and infallible interpreters and guides to biblical truths.
2. Those who prided themselves on their "knowledge" were in error for their "knowledge" was not true knowledge. It was founded on misconceptions of what they had been taught.
 - They did not seek to understand the divine, spiritual meaning of God's Word/Law, teachings, but rather used it to point out their own "goodness" and other's weaknesses.
3. Those who thought they knew were spiritually blind, as someone living in the depths of a deep, dark cavern, never coming out into the light and therefore were unable to bear the light Jesus brought.
 - They were called "blind leaders of the blind..." (*Romans 2:17*)
 - They were proud and self-sufficient but lacked any desire for any knowledge of the truth, but they thought themselves wise and prudent and never wrong.
 - When Jesus' light/truth appeared, not conforming to their preconceptions of what He should be like and doing, they rejected Him.

4. They should have known right away that the "light" Jesus brought was the true "light."
 - A true spiritual life and a spiritual desire to know God's will would have led them, like Simeon, (*Luke 2:25*) at once to rejoice that the "light" had come. But they did not and would not.

III. IT IS THE SAME TODAY WITH THE GOSPEL

1. It is the same today as when Jesus came for the Gospel is "*hidden from the wise and prudent...*"
 - There are those who think that their knowledge and wisdom are the greatest in the universe.
 - People with scientific learning (like the Sadducees) rely on their own reasoning and human traits along and refuse to accept any "light" from God.
 - There are those who reject the truth of Jesus Christ, trusting in their own infallibility, forgetting that they are like every other person who has but a limited knowledge and can see very little into the secrets of God's creation.
 - One would think that surely such people who boast of their knowledge would pause now and then in humility and take a good look at what Jesus came to reveal.
2. There are those who are like the Pharisees who shut themselves up into their little traditional systems, claiming that everybody is wrong but them and when the truth comes close to them, where they must judge, decide, make a decision between the truth and their own traditional ways, they will always stay with their traditions.
3. Then there are those who are like the Jewish rulers, who actually hate the Gospel and anybody who has any relationship to it, anti-Christians.
 - Had the people been allowed to accept and follow Jesus, the Jewish ruler's pride and authority would have been done away with, therefore they persisted and coerced and lied and bribed the people into having Jesus put away, removing His threat to their positions.

CONCLUSION:

1. As it was in the days of Jesus, so it is today.
2. Jesus came to seek and to save and in doing so He brought light to show how the people were being misled and how much God really loved them and that He was their only way back to God.
 - Jesus was put to death because the light He brought revealed the falseness and wrongness of what the religious leaders were telling the people.
3. Light reveals what is not normally seen and as Jesus was the light of the world when He was here, thus the Gospel is the light of the world today.
4. Reaction to the true spiritual light never changes.
 - There are those who welcome it.
 - There are those who reject it.
5. Christian, it is our responsibility to take the light of the Gospel to all our world as Jesus did to His.
 - Some will welcome it but some will reject it.
 - We are responsible to spread the Gospel, those who hear it are responsible for what they do with it.