

## BLIND AND A NOBODY

### John 9

**Introduction:** In the days of Jesus it was thought that if one had a disease or was crippled or deformed in any way sin was the cause. Jesus came upon a blind man and told everyone that the reason the man was blind was not because of sin but that he might be healed and the power of God might be seen. We, too, are blind, but it is to our sin. As Jesus gave sight to the blind man, so can He give sight to our spiritual darkness.

#### I. THE BLIND MAN COULD DO NOTHING AND KNEW VERY LITTLE

1. **v 8:** Those who knew the blind man were surprised that Jesus would take time to even notice such a person, much less stop and offer to help.
2. He was unlearned, thus a nobody and had grown up with no education. Nobody would associate with him and he didn't even know who Jesus was. Thus it is so today with the spiritual blind, salvation is so plain that the most unlearned of the scriptures may understand it. (**v. 17**)
3. His parents didn't know who Jesus was either but they knew that their son was born blind but he was seeing. Something marvelous had happened to him and their son being an adult now could speak for himself, let him tell everyone what had happened. (**vv. 20-21**)
  - Many have seen changes in people they have known all their lives but could not explain the wonderful change that happened after Jesus came into that life.

#### II. JESUS DIDN'T DO ANYTHING COMPLICATED

Jesus, being the Lord from heaven knew everything, had all power, yet did things in the most simple way. He spoke in such ways that even the most ignorant could understand and always had those He helped do something with Him. In the case of this blind man, Jesus sent him to the pool to wash. Everybody must meet a certain condition Jesus wants.

1. Jesus anointed the man's eyes. (**v. 6**)
  - Jesus didn't do anything spectacular like call fire down from heaven or cause water to come spewing out of the ground to wash the blind man. He could have, but Jesus did the simple thing that anybody else could have done. He just spit on the ground, made a little mud and rubbed it on the man's eyes.
2. Jesus told the man to go wash in the pool. (**v. 7**)
  - Jesus always requires something of everyone, but that something can be done by anyone. There were many things the blind man could not do but he did know how to get to the pool and that was all Jesus required him to do. Go wash.
  - The man went simply because Jesus told him to. He didn't know what Jesus was doing and he had no idea that he would be able to see after washing. Jesus told him to go and he went, leaving the results to Jesus.

- Going to the pool was half of what he was to do. If he just sat down by the pool side and did nothing else, he would not have been healed but he did all Jesus told him to do and he received his sight.
- He did not see until after he washed, not until he had done everything Jesus told him to do did he see. We can only imagine what it must have been like, never seeing before and now to see all that he could only hear and feel before. Now he wanted to see the one who had given him his sight.

### III. WHAT OTHERS THOUGHT AND SAID ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED

Anytime God does something for someone, people will talk about it and usually there are three opinions: disbelieve/disapprove; ignorance/amazement; and belief/acceptance and rejoicing.

1. The religious leaders, the Pharisees, had their opinion. (*vv. 13-16*)
  - They didn't deny that something strange had happened, but they didn't want people to start to follow this man, Jesus.
  - They asked the former blind man to tell what happened and hoped to find something wrong by which they could accuse Jesus of misdoings. Eventually they accused Jesus of breaking the law about not working on the Sabbath. So it is today, critics will always find some excuse for not believing Jesus.
2. Those who knew the blind man had their opinions also. (*vv. 8-12*)
  - Many knew the blind man and were in wonder as well as doubt. Some found it hard to believe it was the same man they knew but others said, "no, it's him."
  - They asked the man to tell them what had happened and when he did, they wanted to know where this "Jesus" was. Thankfully people who are impressed by others who have felt the touch of Jesus also want to experience the same wonderful touch and ask what do they have to do to experience the same thing.
3. His parents had their own thoughts about what had happened.
  - They were afraid to express their opinions to the religious authorities but they knew a miracle had happened to their son.

### CONCLUSION:

1. One thing nobody could deny: The man had been born blind and now he could see.
2. *v. 30*: The man knew what had happened to him was real and unexplainable but it had happened.
3. Thus it is still the same today. When Jesus touches lives, something wonderful happens but how it happens, nobody can explain. Jesus just changes lives.
  - He can change anybody's life, if they will do what He tells them to do.