

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes

Chapter 9 PT. 1: Healing the Man Born Blind

Review:

Note: As we end **Chapter 8** with the blindness of those who think that they can see, we transition to Jesus once again preferring others above himself.

- Yeshua is running for His life, but still willing to stop and show Mercy.
- Yeshua removed Himself from those who thought that they could see to go and deliver those who truly sat in darkness.

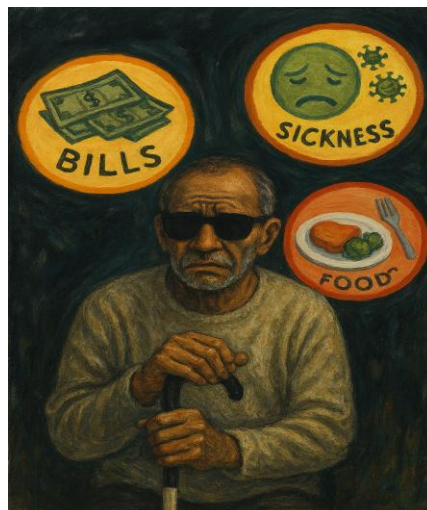
John 9:1-17

Verse 1

John 9:1 (NASB) – ¹ As *Jesus* passed by, **He saw a man** *who had been blind from birth.*

Key: “He saw a man”

- Christ will always see the afflicted above the affliction.
- The person is the focus for Christ.
- The Lord meets the needs of His children so they can focus on Him.
- Many cannot see Christ because the need is taking all their attention.



Note: Being born blind does not limit Jesus from working in a life. The blind man cannot see Jesus, but Jesus can see him!

Verse 2

John 9:2 (NASB) - ² And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?”

Understanding: You must go back to the **(OT-Old Testament) Tanakh** to get understanding of why they would even ask this question.

“Sins of the Father”

Exodus 34:7 (NASB) – ⁷ who keeps faithfulness for thousands, who forgives wrongdoing, violation *of His Law*, and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, **inflicting** the punishment of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.”

Note: Many try to say that this should be interpreted and balanced by saying it in a way that, “the children and the grandchildren will follow in the same pattern.”

Pay Attention to Words

Inflicting-(Hebrew)- *lehamit*- (Very Broad Depending on Context)-meaning "to bring about" or "to cause," and (used with objects like "punishment" or "a decree"), meaning "to impose" or "to lay upon". **For example**, "to inflict punishment" is often translated as (*lehatil onesh*), or simply (*hanish*), which means "to punish".

“The Soul The Sinneth, It Shall Die”

Ezekiel 18:4 (NASB) – ⁴ Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.



- Ezekiel presented the judgement of G-d's people from being treated as a National Unit to an Individual Responsibility.
- Ezekiel is pointing out that many righteous people will go into G-ds Judgement through Babylonian Captivity (**Including Ezekiel and Daniel**).
- Through Ezekiel G-d emphasized "**The Soul**" singular.

Key: G-d wanted them to understand that their eternal destiny is determined by their individual relationship with Him!

Verse 3

John 9:3 (NASB) - ³ Jesus answered, "*It was neither that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

Note: Take heed to not be quick too judge those who are suffering, lest we be found accusing those whom He has justified, and condemning those for whom Christ has died for.

Understanding: Just because its good does not mean its G-d!

Proverbs 10:22 (KJV) – ²² The blessing of the LORD makes *one* rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

- True wealth, whether material or spiritual, comes from G-d's blessing and is accompanied by fulfillment and peace.
- Worldly success can bring stress, pain, and moral compromise.
- Moral Compromise will lead you to do anything to keep the material gain.

Note: G-d is Sovereign and will use anything and any circumstance to show forth His Glory!

Verses 4-5

John 9:4-5 (NASB) - ⁴ We must carry out the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."



Key: When the Father sent His Son into the world, He gave him *work to do*; He did not come into the world to be served, but He came to do His Father's business! His business is to be the Light shining in the darkness!

Verse 6-7

John 9:6-7 (NASB) – ⁶When He had said this, He spit on the ground, and made mud from the saliva, and applied the mud to his eyes, ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he left and washed, and came *back* seeing.

Key: Christ using His own spittle to make eye-salve is significant.



- He is showing us that Healing Virtue is found in everything that belongs to Him!
- Jesus is Healer, Yahweh Raphe (Yehovah Rapha). This can never change.
- But His methods can change as He wills.

Verses 8-12

John 9:8-12 (NASB) – ⁸ So the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “**Is this not the one who used to sit and beg?**” ⁹ Others were saying, “This is he,” *still* others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” The man himself kept saying, “**I am *the one*.**” ¹⁰ So they were saying to him, “**How then were your eyes opened?**” ¹¹ He answered, “The Man who is called Jesus made mud, and spread *it* on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.” ¹² And they said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “**I do not know.**”

Key: Here we find the great debate! Those who are witnessing a great event are now torn. They present two questions: “Is this even the same man?” and if it is, “How did this happen?”

- The Lord doesn’t need an audience to meet your needs.
- The greatest moves of G-d in our lives are typically done in secret.
- His motives for healing the blind are to bring Glory to the Father and not Himself!

Matthew 6:1-2 (NASB) - ¹ “Take care not to practice your righteousness in the sight of people, to be noticed by them; otherwise, you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. ² “So, when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, so that they will be praised by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.



Controversy over the Man

Verse 13-15

John 9:13-15 (NASB) - ¹³ They brought the man who was previously blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ **Now it was a Sabbath on the day** that Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He applied mud to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

The Sabbath Is The Problem

Note: Religion Will Always Reject Relationship!

- Most would expect anyone to be excited to see someone blind healed.
- Certainly, now any opposition to Christ and His reputation would have been settled.
- But on the contrary, instead of embracing Him, they persecute Him.

Why? Religion Hates Relationship!

Mark 2:23-27 (NASB) – ²³ And it happened that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way *along* while picking the heads *of grain*. ²⁴ The Pharisees were saying to Him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ And He said to them, “Have you never read what **David** did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry; ²⁶ how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar *the* high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for *anyone* to eat except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?” ²⁷ Jesus said to them, “**The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.**”



Verses 16-17

John 9:16-17 (NASB) - ¹⁶Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “**This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.**” But others were saying, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And there was dissension among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the man who was blind, “What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”

Note: Don’t ever allow the work that the Lord is doing, or has done, in you or for you to be destroyed by the Traditions of Men!

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NASB) – ⁸“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹“For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts.

The End