

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Chapter 9 PT. 2: Blind Guides

Review:

- We ended **verses 16-17** with legalism at its finest found in this phrase: **“This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.”**
- Trying to follow the letter of the law, and not the Spirit, will always bring death.

2 Corinthians 3:5-6 (NASB) – ⁵Not that we are adequate in ourselves *so as* to consider anything as *having come* from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, ⁶who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Understanding: The Apostle Paul was teaching the Church in Corinth that a rigid focus on rules can be harmful and fail to achieve the law's true purpose. But don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Jesus Himself States:

Matthew 5:17 (NASB)- ¹⁷“Do not presume that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.

Fulfill-(Greek)-*pleroo*-to make full, to complete, to finish. To bring to its fullness.

Key: Love Fulfilled the Law!

John 9:18-41

Verses 18-19

John 9:18-19 (NASB) – ¹⁸The Jews then did not believe *it* about him, that he had been blind and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight, ¹⁹and they questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?”



Note: Never be dismayed when people can't get excited about what the Lord is doing and has done in your Life!

- These religious leaders needed proof so desperately, that they sent for the Blind Man's parents.
- There will be times in your life where a change in you will be spiritual and no proof can be given.
- Some people will never accept who you have become in Christ and what He alone has done in your life...Be ok with it!

Verses 20-23

John 9:20-23 (NASB) – ²⁰ His parents then answered and said, **“We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.”** ²² His parents said this because **they were afraid of the Jews**; for the Jews had already reached the decision that if **anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be excommunicated from the synagogue.** ²³ *It was* for this reason *that* his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

Note: This would be comical if it were not so sad! This is happening today!

- You can be kicked out of some religious establishments if you even bring up the Power of Holy Spirit.
- If the Power of G-d goes against the doctrine of the Denomination, they will kick you out!
- I know this from experience!

Matthew 15:8-9 (NASB) – ⁸ ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. ⁹ AND IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN.’”

Verses 24-25

John 9:24-25 (NASB) - ²⁴ So for a second time they summoned the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God; we know that this Man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He then answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”



“Give glory to God”

Note: Be careful when people are ok with you using “God”, but want to crucify you for saying the name of Jesus/Yeshua!

Verses 26-27

John 9:26-27 (NASB) - ²⁶ So they said to him, “**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? **You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?**”

Key: This man followed a Biblical Principle better than most Believers today!



Proverbs 26:4 (NASB) – ⁴ Do not answer a fool according to his foolishness, Or you will also be like him.

- This cautions against lowering your own standards to match the foolish.

2 Timothy 2:23 (AMP) - ²³ But have nothing to do with foolish and ignorant speculations [useless disputes over unedifying, stupid controversies], since you know that they produce strife *and* give birth to quarrels.

- This verse directly advises against engaging in pointless arguments.

Verse 28-30

John 9:28-30 (NASB) – ²⁸ They spoke abusively to him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this Man, we do not know where He is from.” ³⁰ The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is the amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and *yet* He opened my eyes!

Note: These blind guides name drop to fit their argument! They love to speak of their forefathers but not follow them!



- Remember they said, “Abraham is our Father”.
- Now they say, “but we are disciples of Moses”.
- They really follow only **themselves**.

Verse 31-34

John 9:31-34 (NASB) – ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners; but if someone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him. ³² Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and *yet you are teaching us?*” **So they put him out.**



Note: This man was teaching the “teachers” and they were so offended that they put him out the synagogue.

Leadership Training: “Good Leaders Make Great Leaders”

- A true Leader is not jealous or threatened by someone who grows beyond where they are!
- This should be the goal!
- It would make any true leader proud!

Yeshua: The Greatest Leader To Ever Live

John 14:12 (AMP) – ¹² I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me [as Savior] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach], because I am going to the Father.

Jesus Affirms His Deity

Verse 35-38

John 9:35-38 (NASB) - ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had put him out, and upon **finding him**, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered by saying, “And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” ³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the One who is talking with you.” ³⁸ And he said, “I believe, Lord.” And he worshiped Him.



- Others may reject you, but Jesus will never reject you!
- Jesus’ witness started with demonstration and ended with Truth.

Note: Some need demonstration to believe and others may only need Truth. Some may need both to truly believe that Jesus is the Son of G-d. It doesn't matter how you get to the place of belief, as long as you get there!

Verse 39-41

John 9:39-41 (NASB) – ³⁹ And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Those who were with Him from the Pharisees heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now *that* you maintain, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

Understanding: In the same way that Jesus speaks comfort to the poor man that was persecuted, here He speaks conviction to His persecutors. These blind guides cannot be taught so they cannot see! Their pride has blinded them to even the need to see!

The End