



John 9:35-41

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THE BLIND SEE AND THE SEEING ARE BLIND

Introduction:

I. SPIRITUAL SIGHT (9:35-38)

A. Requires the Initiative of God (vs. 35)

“Jesus heard that they had put him out”

“and finding him”

“He said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’”

B. Responds in Believing Faith (vs. 36)

“Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”

C. Recognizes Jesus as God (vs. 37-38)

“You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.”

“Lord, I believe.”

“And he worshiped Him.”

II. SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS (9:39-41)

A. Receives the Judgment of God (vs. 39)

“For judgment I came into this world...”

“...so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.”

B. Refuses to Acknowledge Its Own Blindness (vs. 40)

“those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things”

“We are not blind too, are we?”

C. Rejects the Light It Has (vs. 41)

“If you were blind, you would have no sin...”

“...but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Conclusion:

- 1) God has taken the initiative in our salvation. If you sense Him drawing you, you need to respond.
- 2) How great is the compassion and condescension of the Lord Jesus to reach out to sinners.
- 3) How dangerous it is to possess knowledge if we do not make good use of it.

Food for Thought:

- 1) Confessing Jesus as Lord and worshiping Him is evidence of genuine saving faith. What other evidence might there be?
- 2) Many others claim to believe in Jesus as the Savior. Why is this not saving faith?
- 3) Why is self-righteousness one of the greatest hindrances to believing in Christ?
- 4) How is it that the Good News can be bad news for some people?