

The Testimony of a former blind man

John 9th Chapter

Introduction

John the apostle was the writer of this gospel. John the apostle had an objective for writing his book. The gospel of John was written so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing we may have life in His name (John 20:31). John was very strategic in writing this gospel. He focused on signs and or miracles to show that Jesus was not just a man. The signs were designed to show you that Jesus is God. Everything John said and did was to show the world that Jesus is the incarnate Word. Jesus is 100 percent God and 100 percent man.

John devoted the whole ninth chapter to this man born blind. The whole ninth chapter is focus on the miracle or the sign performed in the life of this former blind man. There are several lessons to be learned from this man born blind. The events that occurred in his life with the disciples, the people, the Pharisees and Jesus is enough to keep of busy for a long time. This former blind man has a testimony because of his encounters with Jesus. There is no other man who has a testimony like this former blind man.

Blind man's biography

- 1) Born blind
- 2) He has been blind for many years
- 3) He is a beggar
- 4) He is a grown man
- 5) He never seen his parents and he has never seen Jesus
- 6) The blind man does not know Jesus but yet he was willing to be obedient to Jesus
- 7) He did not have a problem with speaking the truth
- 8) He was bold enough to speak the truth to the people and to the religious leaders
- 9) He was kicked out of the temple for speaking the truth
- 10) He had two encounters with Jesus

- I. Willingness to listen to Jesus (John 9:6-7)
 - A. He could not physically see Jesus
 - B. He spent all of life in darkness (physically and spiritually)
 - C. Follow his example (Luke 9:23)
 - D. Listen to Jesus (Luke 9:35) Transfiguration
- II. Use to testimony (John 9:8-11)
 - A. People problem
 - B. Speaking about his past
 - C. Saw him as a blind man
 - D. Saw him as a beggar
 - E. Focus was on what he use to be
 - F. Every believer should have a testimony
 - G. Don't worry about the people

- III. Church People Problem (John 9: 13-34)
- A. Religious Leaders (Pharisees)
 - B. Sabbath
 - C. Pharisees questioned him repeatedly
 - D. Rejected Jesus (22)
 - E. Threatened anyone who confessed Jesus to be Christ
 - F. Called him a sinner and a disciple of Jesus
 - G. Called Jesus a sinner
 - H. Kicked him out of the synagogue

Actions of the former blind man

- Spoke with boldness
- Spoke the truth
- Rejected the lies and false allegations
- Told them what Jesus had done in his life (25)
- Changes in his life (11)(17)(33)(38)
- Keep telling your story (testimony)

Parent Problems (John 9:18-22)

- Admitted that he was their son
- Admitted that he was born blind
- Refused to give credit to Jesus
- Walked in fear
- Refused to take a stand for what is right
- Afraid of being put out of the synagogue
- Refused to confess Jesus as Lord (Ps 27:10)

Pharisees Doctrine (John 9:16,22,24, 28-29, 34)

- Only concerned about Sabbath laws
- Following rules and regulations
- No concern for pleasing God
- Erroneous view of Christ
- Do not confess Christ
- Penalty for accepting Christ as Lord/Son of God
- Claim to be followers of Moses (John 5:39, 45-47)

Doctrine of Christ (John 9:4-5, 35-37)

- Walk in obedience to the Father
- Stay in the will of the Father's commands
- Be an example to the world of holiness/light
- Came to help those in need

- Came as a Savior
- A Savior willing to save the world
- Offered salvation/eternal life

IV. Second Chance (John 7:35-38)

- A. Two encounters with Jesus
- B. Hear the gospel multiple times
- C. Plant the seed, water the seed, but God gives the increase
- D. Doing our own thing
- E. Doing whatever we wanted to do
- F. Stubborn/Selfish
- G. Enjoying our youth

V. Concluding Bio (John 9:38)

- A. He has heard about the Lord (31)
- B. Confessed Him as Lord
- C. Worship Him as Lord
- D. No specification on his worship
- E. David or Miriam (John 4:23)

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O What a fore-taste of

Glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchased of God,

Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song,

Praising my Savior all the day long;

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