

**Scripture Readings:** Exodus 20:1-17 & John 9  
**Singing:** 76 – 69:2, 6 – 303 – 366 – 383:1, 5

### JESUS HEALING A BLIND MAN

I. His action II. His command III. His challenge IV. His final question

#### I. JESUS' HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN BEGAN WITH HIS ACTION

- A. The lead-up to His act of healing: *a spiritual riddle* (vs. 1-2)
1. Jesus' priority isn't *answering spiritual riddles*
  2. It is to 'shine the light of the world' into blind conditions (3-5)
    - a. this blind condition is ours (vs. 32)
    - b. the healing is Jesus' exclusively (6-7)
- B. Jesus' act pictures God's act in regeneration (John 3:3, 8)
1. New birth is *entirely God's sovereign act* (John 3:9; Rom. 9:11-16)
    - a. His instrument: *His Word!*
    - b. His needed work doesn't cancel His commanded response (vs. 7)
  2. The New-Birth *date* can be hidden but the New-Birth cannot
    - a. fruits reveal the nature of the tree (Matt. 5:3-9)
      - convicting of sin brings sorrow over sin & repentance
      - discovery of God brings fondness and fear
      - beauty of righteousness and holiness brings hunger
      - revelation of Jesus brings confession of faith

#### II. JESUS' COMMAND IN HEALING THIS BLIND MAN

- A. Though Jesus healed, He expected the blind man to obey (vs. 7)
1. His obedience was remarkable
    - a. not only was it a *difficult assignment* (Pool of Siloam)
    - b. it was also an *unlikely prospect* (vs. 32)
- B. Power of grace always brings *obedience to Word of God*
1. We resist obedience to *change – follow directions – respond – believe*

2. But God's influence brings *hearty obedience to His Word* (Act 6:7)  
a. he obeyed and was healed (7b)

b. learn to *follow Jesus' directions* in **faith** as Jesus requires (Mark. 9:22-23; Matt. 12:13)

c. don't cancel or ignore Jesus' commands

C. The question to examine: *am I obedient to the Word of God's Gospel?*

1. Salvation is **never** based on our obedience to the law or Gospel

2. Yet there is no salvation **without** obedience to both Law and Gospel

### **III. JESUS' CHALLENGE OF HIS FAITH AND OBEDIENCE**

A. We would expect the healed man be a cause of awe and praise (8-34)

1. Instead, Jesus allowed him to face the *Jewish inquisition!*

B. His responses are a clear revelation of God's work of grace: *examine!*

1. Am I ignorant of **his confession?** (vs. 17)

2. Am I ignorant of **his experience?** (vs. 25)

3. Am I ignorant of **his commitment?** (vs. 27)

### **IV. JESUS' QUESTION TO THE HEALED MAN** (next sermon)

Closing: *Reading of the Lord's Supper Form, first half*