



John 9:1-41

(Basic Bible in English)

Think “What would Jesus do?” before you react to anything or anyone. You can’t go wrong if you do practice the lessons herein. If Jehovah Witnesses come to your door, show them John 8, the whole chapter, since this chapter shows that Jesus is the Jehovah of the Old Testament. Be kind while you show them.

1 ¶ And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. Still this dialogue is going on between Jesus and the Pharisees and the common people. They tried to kill Jesus in the 8th chapter for heresy when He claimed who He really is. They took up stones to kill Him, but He hid Himself and escaped. The Greek translation leads us to believe it was a miracle He escaped this crowd, but it was not His time to die yet.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? As Jesus passes by, here is a man who was born blind. In those times, if a person was born with a handicap, they believed it was because the parents sinned or you were going to sin in the future. So the disciples asked Him, what sin was committed here to make this man blind from birth?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. A lot of people accuse God of being unfair because of this statement. But this man was born blind for a specific reason: to show the power of God. We don’t know why God picks one person over another for these demonstrations; it’s not for us to know. We just have to accept these things.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. There’s coming a time when it’s going to dark, says Jesus. He is referring to when He’ll be crucified.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, Jesus healed in many different manners and ways. We don’t know why He made a clay ball mixed with spit. We just know that He did. That’s all that matters. We just accept it.

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. The man obeyed Christ and did exactly as He said.

8 ¶ The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? The neighbors recognized the man.

9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. The man confirms, Yes, I’m the man who was born blind and now I can see.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. The only thing this man knows is the sound of Jesus’ voice. He’s never seen Jesus. The man told the neighbors what he did.


12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. The man would recognize Jesus’ voice, but not His face.


13 ¶ They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. Jesus healed on the Sabbath again, which annoyed the Pharisees. They hate it when He does that. He wasn’t doing it to make them mad. He healed on the Sabbath to show that He is the ruler of the Sabbath, the God of the Sabbath. He healed on the Sabbath to show them who He is.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. The man is asked over and over again how he got his sight back.

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among





them. They continue to use this issue of Jesus healing on the Sabbath to say He was of satan, He was bad, etc. They weren't interested in how much good He did. Jesus always said He was here to create division among men. You're either for Jesus or against Him.

17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. The man said, all I know is He's got some power, and He isn't bad.

18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. These people are making a big issue of this not to get to the truth, but to condemn Christ.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? Is this your child? Was he really born blind? If he was born blind, how does he now see?

20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. The blind man and his parents are together now. The parents are trying to distance themselves from this miracle and from their son and the whole situation.

22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. This is why the parents tried to distance themselves from their son's situation. The Pharisees had gotten together already and disregarded the miracle and vowed to exile any who supported the son and came to his aide. If you were exiled back then, you lost your job, any fellowship with the community, all your family, and you were thrown on the streets to become a beggar and a vagabond. If any family/friends tried to help you, the same happened to you. These people were called spiritual lepers, and they were shunned by everybody.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. The parents are distancing themselves from their son's situation to protect themselves from these powerful Pharisees.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. They just won't leave him alone. They are pestering him. They want him to give God the praise now that you can see. Don't give the one who healed you any praise. He's bad.

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. This man has some backbone. He stands up for himself and Jesus Christ. He's talking about the physical aspect that he can see for the first time in his life. When you learn the ways of God, your eyes are opened spiritually and it's like having spiritual blindness healed.

26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? They've heard this story over and over, and some of them saw it happen. But they won't accept it. They're trying to "talk" it out of had happened.

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? This is a great answer. He said, I've told you already. Why can't you understand? If I tell you again, are you going to believe and become one of His disciples? He made them really mad with this comment.


28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. They are really upset and angry now. They told the man, you go ahead and believe in this fellow if you want, but we're gonna stick with Moses. That was their easy out.

29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.

30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. You may not know where He came from or His background, but He has healed my eyes. All your writings of Moses did not heal my eyes.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. The man puts it all back on the Pharisees.

32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. You search your scriptures, Pharisees. You're supposed to know all the miracles that ever happened.



33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. He just lays it on the line. If He was a sinner, He wouldn't be able to do any miracles.

34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. He really got the religious people mad. They couldn't believe this sinner who was born blind was teaching them anything, and they cast him out of their society.

35 ¶ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? Jesus didn't leave this man wandering around. He came back to save him.

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. Jesus couldn't make it any clearer that He's the Son of God. It's right here in plain English.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him. The man didn't ask any other questions; he just fell on his knees before Jesus Christ and worshipped Him as the Son of God, period.

39 ¶ And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. Jesus is making the Pharisees blind to the spiritual world because of the hardness of their hearts.

40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth. These Pharisees cannot see the spiritual truths because of their hard hearts.