

I. SIGHT PROBLEM

A. His Triumphant Exit

1. Jesus had uttered one of His most amazing speeches (vs. 8:58)
 - a. He tells them who He is in no uncertain terms
 - b. No one standing there could possibly mistake the meaning
 - i. Before Abraham WAS (past tense, AND a beginning)
 - ii. I AM (present tense, NO beginning)
 - c. They took up stones to cast at Him
 - i. But Jesus hid Himself (somehow)
 - ii. The Bible does not explain this, but He did not cower
 - iii. It's almost like they couldn't "see Him"
2. Yes, the Jews had a "sight problem"
 - a. The Messiah they waited for stood before them
 - b. Doing miracles and teaching God's Word
 - c. But they could not see Him
 - i. He told them already they couldn't "hear Him" (vs. 8:43)
 - ii. They didn't "love Him" (vs. 8:42)
 - iii. The certainly didn't "honor Him (vs. 8:49)
 - iv. And now they couldn't see Him
 - d. And He simply passed by
3. John 9:1 ties directly to 8:59
 - a. "So passed by" / "And AS Jesus passed by"
 - b. Jesus never missed an opportunity to do good among the Jews
 - c. Even AFTER they had so abused Him

B. The Blind Man

1. This blind man does not seem to call for Jesus as He passed by
 - a. We see that in other portions of Scripture
 - b. Such as Bartimaeus who called "Thou Son of David!"
 - c. Bartimaeus called "Have mercy on me!"
 - d. The Bible does not record this man to have spoken to Jesus
 - i. Perhaps he was too awed by the things going on
 - ii. Perhaps he didn't know what to ask
 - iii. He didn't speak to Jesus
 - e. But Jesus noticed him!
2. Aren't you glad that Jesus took notice of you?
 - a. When you were lost and living in darkness and had no Light to see
 - b. Aren't you am so glad that
 - i. The blessed Lord Jesus looked down
 - ii. He took notice!
3. None of the disciples saw the blind man

- a. He may have been well known – perhaps he was always there
- b. So long that no one bothered to notice him any more
- c. But the Bible tells us that Jesus SAW him.
- d. Big difference between what men saw and what Jesus saw

C. The Lack of Sight

1. Psalms 139:14 – “I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.”
 - a. Called the gateway to the soul
 - b. God warns us to be careful what we let in
 - i. A doorway to the beauty of God’s creation
 - ii. Or a stumbling block to sin through lust
 - i. David “saw” Bathsheba
 - ii. Eve “saw” that the fruit was good to eat
 - iii. Achan “saw” a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold
 - c. The eye is one of God’s greatest blessings to us
 - d. And yet it can be one of our greatest curses
2. No replacement for the eye
 - a. Lee Wilkerson lost his arm in a farming accident
 - i. A disc fell on him. Not sure when – always that way to me
 - ii. They fashioned a hook for him
 - iii. I remember riding with him – He could split shift a big farm truck and out work most men.
 - b. The eyes are another matter
 - i. We can use technology to help replace a limb
 - ii. But the eye still eludes us
 - iii. Praise the Lord there are SOME surgeries that can help people see better and (in some cases), even correct small defects that cause blindness
 - iv. But we can build a functional eye
 - v. Only God can
3. Without our eyes, we can only live in darkness
 - a. Once we can see, who would ever want to go back?
 - i. Galatians 4:9 – “But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?”
 - ii. Phippians 3:12 – “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.”
 - b. Those two verses tell us something about Jesus
 - i. We couldn’t know Him until we were known of Him

- ii. We couldn't apprehend Him until we were apprehended of Him
- iii. Praise God He noticed us in our blind condition
- iv. Because we could never have noticed HIM!

II. SIN QUESTION

A. The disciples didn't notice the blind man

1. They thought he made a merely an interesting topic of discussion
 - a. They asked Jesus about him (vs. 2) not FOR him
 - b. It is important to note that we do not know the disciples' names
 - c. Look at 8:30-31 – these may be NEW believers
 - d. We must always be careful to be graceful
2. This is a legitimate question
 - a. Do bad things happen to good people?
 - b. Is God just waiting for us to get out of line?
 - c. The book of Job has chapters dedicated to these questions
3. But Jesus put paid to the entire notion
 - a. Neither the man sinned nor his parents
 - b. But there IS a reason for his blindness
 - c. That that glory of God should be made manifest

B. He spared not His own Son

1. Romans 8:32 – “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”
 - a. Of course, Jesus DID know no sin and yet He suffered
 - b. How then should Christians go without trials in life?
2. Romans 5:3 – “And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;”
3. James 1:3 – “Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.”

C. God loves us

1. John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
2. 2 Peter 3:9 – “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

III. SPOKEN EXPLANATION

A. He answers their question (vs. 3-5)

1. 2 Timothy 2:24 – “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,”
2. Jesus took time to answer the question of newly Saved Christians

3. Psalms 104:24 – “O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.”

B. Working the Works

1. Jesus did not just come to survey the battlefield
2. He came to do the work of Him that sent Him
3. And he tells us the time to work is now
 - a. While it is still day
 - b. The night is coming
 - c. Look around. The sun is setting.

C. Light of the World

1. He has taught this simple truth before
2. Now he begins to demonstrate it
3. When He had thus spoken...

IV. SIMPLE ACTION

A. Made clay

1. He spat on the ground and made clay
 - a. This is not to imply some strange middle-eastern home remedy
 - b. This is God creating life from lifelessness
 - c. Genesis 2:7 – “And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”
2. The dust of the ground had no medicinal properties
3. Neither the dust of the earth life
4. Until GOD changed things

B. You notice that the man hadn’t called for Jesus

1. But neither did Jesus talk to him before anointing his eyes!
2. God is in control and is not limited to do good
3. But he knew the name of Jesus (vs. 11)

C. Believe God

1. Jesus only took a few simple actions (made clay)
2. Then told the man to go and wash
 - a. Told him when to go
 - b. Told him where to go
 - c. Told him what to do
 - d. And the man came again seeing
3. Abraham believed God and it was accounted unto him righteousness

V. SAVING RESULTS

A. The man came again seeing

1. God is not limited.
 - a. He came to take away the sin of the entire world

- b. He has ALREADY moved heaven and earth to save you
 - 2. And when you get saved
 - a. You will no longer wander in darkness
 - b. But Jesus will give you NEW eyes
 - c. You will “see” the Light of the World
- B. Won't you believe God today and be saved