

I. FOR WORSHIP

A. The Lord's question (vs. 35)

1. After all that had happened
  - a. After being cast out of the Synagogue
    - i. The center of all Jewish culture and society
    - ii. His parents had left him on his own
    - iii. And what should have been the happiest day
    - iv. Everyone should have been ecstatic
    - v. But now he's outcast. Alone
2. The Lord finds him
  - a. It's just like Jesus to roll the clouds away
  - b. It's just like Jesus to keep me day by day
  - c. It's just like Jesus all along the way
  - d. It's just like His great love
3. Jesus asked him a question
  - a. Most important question this man had ever been asked
  - b. And it's the most important question we can answer today
  - c. In or on? Believe in airplanes? Or believe ON?

B. The earnest response

1. Who is He (vs. 36)?
  - a. What is the ultimate aim at the end?
  - b. Why did he want to know? So, he could BELIEVE on Him!
2. Good for him
  - a. Because the Lord answered (vs. 37)
  - b. And he got Saved!
3. Good for us
  - a. Because even if we already know the Lord
  - b. We need to know Him more
  - c. Who is Jesus? Do you know everything?
  - d. Me neither! Let's keep studying Him! Find out MORE!

C. The best response (vs. 37)

1. I BELIEVE!
  - a. I remember the night I put my trust in Him
  - b. I gave Him my life – I didn't know any better than to start listing all I had in my life
  - c. I was ready to DO anything...
  - d. But He had already done EVERYTHING!
  - e. It would be great if everyone was that ready to believe on Him
    - i. What would door-knocking be like?
    - ii. Do you believe on the Son of God?

2. Not only did he believe – but he took an opportunity to WORSHIP
  - a. 1 Corinthians 12:3 – “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”
  - b. 1 John 4:1 – “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”
  - c. It’s okay to worship God – the model prayer begins with worship!
    - i. Matthew 6:9 – “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”
    - ii. That’s the model that God gave us to follow
  - d. This man’s new life began with WORSHIP
    - i. Worship isn’t jumping around
    - ii. Worship is telling God the truth about Himself
    - iii. Worship is agreeing with God about His Glory!
3. Jesus accepted worship
  - a. He was not just a good man or a good teacher
  - b. He IS God!
4. And he came into this world for Judgement, for Sight, and for Blindness

## II. FOR JUDGMENT

### A. Unpopular term

1. No one likes the term “judgement” but people do it all the time
  - a. People use the term intolerant a lot these days
  - b. That means a complete unwillingness or inability to allow
  - c. When a machine goes out of tolerance, it breaks, tears itself apart
  - d. We are called intolerant when the Bible disagrees with society
2. Unfortunately, our society has TOLERATED too much sin
  - a. We are currently tolerating riots in major cities
  - b. They aren’t protests. MLK didn’t “protest” at night
  - c. MLK didn’t burn buildings and loot – this IS NOT A PROTEST
  - d. It’s ANARCHY – and yet somehow, we are tolerating it
3. We need some judgement in our land
  - a. Or God will do it for us
  - b. God WILL judge sin – and yes, I call rioting and destroying other people’s property sin!
  - c. And FURTHERMORE - I call 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Murder sin (should be 2<sup>nd</sup>)
  - d. Two things can be true at the same time!
4. John 7:24 – “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

### B. Jesus brings JUDGEMENT

1. Light and Dark

- a. John 3:17 – “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (20) For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. (21) But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”
- b. Why do people right at night? Because their deeds are evil
  - i. They don't need a new TV, they need Jesus
  - ii. Isn't it interesting that these verses can be placed here?
  - iii. In light of a man who was blind and now sees?
- c. The Holy Spirit also brings reproof of judgement
  - i. John 16:11 – “Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”
  - ii. He will reprove and convict of sin, righteousness and judgement to come.

#### C. Judge Not

- 1. The world only likes a few Bible verses, and this is one of them
  - a. Luke 6:37 – “Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:”
  - b. But people tend to ignore all the verses around it. Here's one:
  - c. Luke 6:35 – “But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.”
- 2. As I already quoted John 7:24 – JUDGE righteous judgement.
- 3. It works a little like our Government is supposed to work
  - a. The legislature makes laws, the executive is supposed to enforce
  - b. God has already JUDGED sin. It's condemned already!
  - c. We can't do that in the Law because of sin
  - d. Romans 8:3 – “For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:”
  - e. God has already judge. We are to EXECUTE His will
- 4. He came for judgement

### III. FOR SIGHT

- A. Praise God He came to give us sight
  - 1. In certain direct instances He gave PHYSICAL sight

- a. The entire chapter of John 9 deals with His healing power
  - b. And no one could legitimately dispute it (even though they tried)
- 2. But in ALL cases He will give SPIRITUAL sight
  - a. 1 Corinthians 2:14 – “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”
  - b. That means without Salvation from Jesus Christ, I would be BLIND
  - c. I would be like the Sadducees
  - d. Matthew 22:29 – “Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.”
- B. He gave me His Light, He gave me my Sight, He ended my spiritual Night!
  - 1. I was DEAD in trespasses and sins, but He quickened me
  - 2. And He told me to USE my new sight righteously
  - 3. According to His Word – judge righteous judgements!
  - 4. Which means there’s a possibility I might judge UNrighteously
    - a. He told this to the Church at Laodicea
    - b. Revelation 3:18 – “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.”
- C. Repentance is required
  - 1. A lot of repentance is “agreeing” with God about ourself.
    - a. I could never be Saved until I admitted honestly I was a sinner
      - i. Belief in God is not enough
      - ii. To really believe God I must also DISBELIEVE in myself!
    - b. To be granted physical sight one must first be blind
    - c. To be granted spiritual sight, one must first realize they need it!
    - d. There’s an old saying, sometimes before a soul gets Saved, the preacher must first “get them lost”
  - 2. He came into this world to give sight

#### IV. FOR BLINDNESS

- A. The Pharisees reacted to what Jesus said (vs. 40)
  - 1. The Great Physician just made a diagnosis
    - a. I just got the lab reports back and you’re definitely blind
    - b. And they said.... But are we really?
    - c. See they already thought they knew it all
    - d. That’s why I had such a hard time with my Dad at 17
  - 2. Can you imagine this happening at a doctor’s office?
    - a. Lee Wilkerson – Are you really sure I lost my arm?
    - b. The blind man in vs. 6 – Nevermind, I can see just fine.
- B. We must reflect HIS Light

1. He said He was the Light of the World (vs. 5)
  2. 2 Corinthians 4:3 – “But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: (4) In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”
  3. Jesus said it would be better if they would admit they didn’t know God
  4. 1 Corinthians 1:18 – “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”
- C. Many people in our world feel that way
1. I don’t need Jesus – I’ll be just fine
  2. All I want is justice! – No sir, all I want is Mercy
    - a. I don’t want this case to be judged on its merits
    - b. Justice would send me to Hell forever

## V. FOR EVER

- A. Hell is a place of terrible darkness and it is FOREVER
- B. Jesus came into this world for judgement
  1. To give sight to those who will admit they are blind to Him
  2. To call blind those who think they see without Him
- C. Receive your sight today
- D. Receive your Savior today