John Lesson 27

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INTRODUCTION

- Never before had anyone who had been born blind been made able to see.
- These signs are written that ye might believe, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. And that believing you might have life through his name.
- Each of these miracles had to be testimony that God was with him.

1 Who Did Sin, This Man or His Parents?

Leviticus 10; 2 Chronicles 26:16–23; Luke 13:1–5

- All sins shall be punished. But not all sins are going to be punished directly here and now.
- When you look at tragedies in life, they come to both unrighteous as well as righteous people.
- God does not hold us like puppets at the end of a string. We have choice in the way we live.
- If we go beyond what he says and add to his word and change his ways, we can expect punishment. It may not be here and now like with Nadab and Abihu, but it shall come.
- It wasn't God who brought the tragedy in Job's life, it was Satan.
- Jesus said the real point is unless you repent, you'll perish.

2 That the Works of God Should Be Made Manifest

John 9:3; Romans 5:12; Hebrews 2:14–15

- Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
- First of all, by this is proof positive that Jesus Christ is a Son of God.
- Another fact is that it shows God's compassion.
- God doesn't cause the blindness and the deafness. He has allowed certain laws of nature to carry on this world.
- The purpose of each of those miracles was to prove he's the Son of God who came to take away sin.
- Don't blame a good God because of certain tragedy in this world. Blame the devil.

3 How Was the Blind Man Really Healed?

John 9:6–12; 2 Kings 5

- Go wash in the pool of Siloam, which is by interpretation sent. He went his way, therefore, and washed, and came seeing.
- What Jesus did was work a miracle. And the miracle was by the power of God.
- He was healed by the grace of God, and it was not of himself, it was the gift of God. But that does not exclude obedience.
- Did the river Jordan cleanse him of his leprosy? Not really.

- Not just five times, not six times, but he had to dip seven times, as God said.

4 What Must I Do to Be Saved?

Romans 6:17–18; Romans 6:3–5; Acts 2:38

- You're not a saved person if you're not willing to obey what the Lord said.
- Why call me Lord and do not the things which I say? There must be obedience involved. And that's an act of faith.
- Ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
- Whenever we're doing what God said, it is not meritorious deeds, earning salvation. We could never earn salvation.
- Never do you find the Word of God saying, just pray the sinner's prayer and you'll be healed.
- Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Just like Naaman was cleansed of his leprosy by obedience, and this blind man was given sight by obedience, so you can be given spiritual healing by obedience.**

MY NOTES