John Lesson 28

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INTRODUCTION

- Never before had anyone who had been born blind been made able to see.
- They really wanted to reject the fact of this miracle, and tried to find some way to get around it, but they could not.
- 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.

1 Who Did Sin, This Man or His Parents?

John 9:1–5; Leviticus 10; Luke 13

- Neither hath this man sinned nor his parents but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
- 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.
- Satan is the cause of all real tragedy and sorrow in this life. God doesn't want any of it to happen to us.
- 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

- This is proof positive that Jesus Christ is a Son of God. God is with him.
- God doesn't cause the blindness and the deafness. He has allowed certain laws of nature to carry on this world.
- God's wish for man is that there be a perfect place. That's what he's prepared for with heaven.
- The purpose of each of those miracles was to prove he's the Son of God who came to take away sin.
- Forgiveness of sins is the way. Forgiveness of sin is through Christ Jesus.
- 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

- 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.
- There's also a lesson in that in the question of how are we healed spiritually? How can we be healed from our sin?
- 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.

- It was by the power of God he was made clean. But what he had to do was what God instructed through his prophet Elisha.

4 There Must Be Obedience Involved

Romans 6:3–5; Romans 6:17–18; 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.
- 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.
- We are buried with him by baptism into death.
- 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