The Light of the World to Blind Eyes

John 9:1-41



#### Matthew 6:22-23

The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

#### Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

#### Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.

# Theme of John 9

Jesus, as Light of the World while on earth, worked the works of His Father in bringing the light of life to a man born blind and blinding light to those who rejected Him.

#### The Opening Word of God John 9:1-5

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Philosophical Question - v. 2 - Who sinned, this man or his parents?

Jesus Answers - v. 3-5

Not the sin of the man, Not the sin of the parents, but to display the works of God

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#### John 10:16

"I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock with one shepherd."

# John 9:4

"We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work."

# John 17:4

"I glorified You on the earth, having accomplished the work which You have given Me to do.

# John 19:30

Therefore when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

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While I am in the world, I am the Light of the World

#### John 7:33-34

Therefore Jesus said, "For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me. You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come."

# John 8:21

Then He said again to them, "I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come."

# The First Work of God John 9:6-7

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# 2 Kings 20:20

Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and all his might, and how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

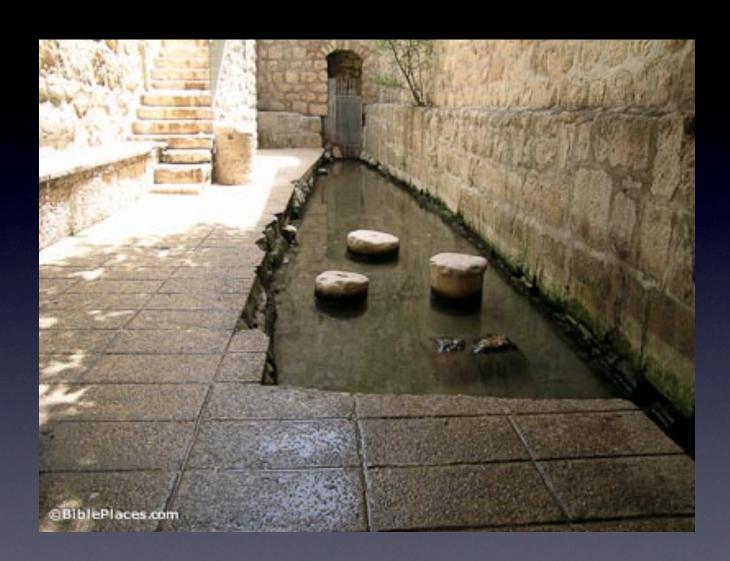
#### Isaiah 8:6

"Inasmuch as these people have rejected the gently flowing waters of Shiloah and rejoice in Rezin and the son of Remaliah; Now therefore, behold, the Lord is about to bring on them the strong and abundant waters of the Euphrates, Even the king of Assyria and all his glory; And it will rise up over all its channels and go over all its banks"

#### Jerusalem in Israelite Times







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Jesus commanded him to go wash in the <u>Pool of Siloam</u>

The man obeyed in faith

# The Response John 9:8-34

Of the neighbors - v. 8-13

Of the Pharisees - v. 14-17

Of the Parents - v. 18-23

Of the man - v. 24-34

#### Syllogism

Major Premise: Only people who are from God (God-fearing and do His will) are heard by God, so they can open the eyes of those born blind.

Minor Premise: This man was heard by God so that he opened the eyes of one born blind, a miracle so great that it has never been heard of since the world began.

Conclusion: This man is <u>from God</u>. If he were not, he could do nothing.

#### The Second Work of God John 9:35-38

The call to faith in Jesus Christ - v. 35-37

The response of faith - "Lord, I believe" - v. 38a

The response of worship - v. 38b

#### The Closing Word of God John 9:39-41

Jesus, the Light of the World, is the Sight-giving Light of Life to believers

Jesus, the Light of the World, is the Blinding Light of Judgment to unbelievers

#### **Implications**

- I. We should never be discouraged in our witness when it appears to be unsuccessful. God will accomplish all of His purposes.
- 2. We MUST work the works of God while we have time on earth because we are God's light to lost people.
- 3. As an individual, you have either the Light of Eternal life or the Blinding Light of Judgment. There is no middle ground.