

**“The Light Meets the Darkness”
John 9:1-41**

I. In order to confirm that Jesus is the Messiah, God healed a blind man. (vs. 1-12).

- A. God, in His sovereignty, chose to demonstrate His power and glory through the man’s blindness.
- B. The miracle created a great amount of discussion among the man’s neighbors.

People are dead in their sins, and Jesus comes along and makes them alive again.

(Exodus 4:11; Ephesians 2:1-5)

II. Jesus’ miraculous healing of the blind man created conflict with the Pharisees (vs. 13-34).

Unless the Holy Spirit opens the eyes of the skeptic they will never believe a miracle even it is standing right in front of them.

(Luke 16:24-31)

III. How do we respond? (vs. 35-41).

- A. We can respond in the same manner as the blind man by receiving the light.

God healing the blind man reveals four essential elements in salvation:

1. God seeks us out.
2. We must have a heart that is open to the Gospel message.
3. God must give us spiritual conviction that Jesus is the Savior.
4. We must respond with worship.

- B. We can respond in the same manner as the Pharisees by rejecting the light.

(John 3:17)

Scripture References and Notes

Exodus 4:11

The LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes *him* mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?”

Ephesians 2:1-5

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Luke 16:24-31

²⁴ And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’ ³¹ But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”

John 3:17

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.