

## John 9: 1-41 Rev'd Adrain Lane — From Blindness to Sight ( Transcript from Audio)

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### Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, We thank you that you speak to us through your Word. Open our eyes to understand what you are saying today, and move our hearts and wills to respond in ways that please you and bring glory to Jesus Christ. Amen.

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### Introduction

Wherever we go, we meet people confident in their interpretations of life, faith, and especially Jesus. Opinions abound, yet clarity is rare. John 9 presents a vivid picture of competing voices surrounding Jesus' identity. As Jesus gives physical sight to a man born blind, He also brings spiritual sight—while others, though physically seeing, slip deeper into spiritual darkness.

Jesus performed more miracles of giving sight than any other kind. His ministry is marked by bringing people out of darkness into light.

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### 1. Why Was This Man Born Blind?

As Jesus and His disciples encounter a man blind from birth, the disciples ask whether his condition was caused by his own sin or his parents' sin. Jesus answers plainly:

**“Neither this man nor his parents sinned.”**

Suffering is not always the result of personal wrongdoing. Instead, Jesus reveals a greater purpose:

**“This happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.”** (v.3)

This man will become a living testimony that Jesus is the light of the world.

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### 2. The Miracle

Jesus makes mud, places it on the man's eyes, and sends him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. He obeys—and returns seeing.

The neighbours are astonished. Some believe it is the same man; others doubt. He simply says:

**“I am the man.”**

Instead of celebrating, they bring him to the Pharisees.

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### 3. The Pharisees Investigate

The Pharisees are troubled because the healing occurred on the Sabbath. They question the man repeatedly. He answers truthfully and consistently.

They question his parents, who confirm:

- He is our son
- He was born blind
- He now sees

But out of fear, they refuse to say more.

The Pharisees question the man again. His understanding deepens:

- “You don’t know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.”
- “God does not listen to sinners.”
- “Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.”
- “If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”

They respond with anger and throw him out.

Their physical eyes work, but their spiritual eyes remain closed.

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#### **4. Jesus Finds the Man**

Jesus seeks him out and asks:

**“Do you believe in the Son of Man?”**

The man replies, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”

Jesus says, “You have now seen him; he is the one speaking with you.”

The man responds:

**“Lord, I believe.”**

And he worships Jesus.

He begins the story blind in every sense. He ends it seeing clearly—physically and spiritually.

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#### **5. The True Sabbath**

Jesus healed on the Sabbath intentionally. He is revealing that:

- He is Lord of the Sabbath
- A new creation is breaking in
- What is broken will be restored
- The blind will see
- Many will recognise the Messiah and worship Him

This miracle is a sign pointing to Jesus’ identity.

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## **6. Where Are You on This Journey?**

Some respond like the Pharisees—certain they already see, yet spiritually blind.

Others respond like the man—humble, open, ready to receive sight.

John explains why this story is recorded:

**“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”** (John 20:30–31)

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## **Conclusion**

The man born blind was overlooked and ignored, yet Jesus saw him, loved him, healed him, and brought him into the light.

Jesus still opens eyes today—physically and spiritually. He still brings people out of darkness into light. He still invites us to believe and worship.

**Where are you on that journey?**