

John 9

Introduction.

- A. Continuation of light/dark imagery.
- B. Contrasts:
 - 1. The blind man sees.
 - 2. The Pharisees go blind.

I. The healing (1-12).

- A. The disciples' question.
 - 1. Many believed a person could sin in the womb.
 - 2. To display the work of God.
 - a. No healing of the blind in the OT.
 - b. No healing of the blind (other than Jesus) in NT, except Saul's temporary blindness in Damascus.
 - c. Has Messianic meaning (Ps. 146:8, Is. 29:18; 35:5; Lk.7:22).
- B. We must work.
- C. Mud -- perhaps creation imagery.
- D. Siloam = sent (Him who has sent me).
- E. Neighbors could hardly believe it was he.
- F. Step 1: Did not know who Jesus was.

II. Interrogation by the Pharisees (13-17).

- A. Increasing opposition.
 - 1. Violated the Sabbath.
 - 2. Some accept and some reject (Step A).
- B. He is a prophet (Step 2).

III. Parents questioned (18-23).

- A. Questioned the miracle itself (Step B).
- B. Parents pass the buck out of fear.

IV. The man re-examined (24-34).

- A. We know he's a sinner (Step C).
- B. I know...
- C. Can't be a sinner (Step 3).
 - 1. From God.
 - 2. No one has ever healed the blind.
- D. Excommunicated.

V. Faith and unbelief (35-41).

A. I believe (Step 4).

B. Condemnation of the Pharisees.

1. Those who can see become blind (Step D).
2. They are guilty.