

“1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. 8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? 9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. 10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? 11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. 12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. 13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. 14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. 15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. 16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. 17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. 18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. 19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? 20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: 21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. 22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. 24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. 25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. 26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? 27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? 28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. 32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. 33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. 34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And

he worshipped him. 39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.” (John 9:1-41 KJV)

We will continue in this message to discuss the events that was taken place when Jesus reached out that man that was born blind whom He healed on the Sabbath.

*“We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.” (John 9:29 KJV) God spoke to Moses in the presence of the whole Israelites, “17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. 18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 19 And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice.” (Exodus 19:17-19 KJV) We can also read that God was speaking to Moses in another Scripture, “22 These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me. 23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 And ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth. 25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.” (Deuteronomy 5:22-27 KJV) It was clear to the whole Israelites that God was speaking to Moses in the hearing of the whole Israelites. That is why the Pharisees believed that God was speaking to Moses, but they did not accept what God had spoken to Moses about Christ. *When we evangelize, some people would believe if God would speak to us, but if they had decided not to believe they will not believe even if they will know that God is speaking to us; the same as had happened now to the Jews.* Truly God spoke to Jesus in the presence of the people, and they heard the voice but yet did not believe, “28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him. 30 Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes.” (John 12:28-30 KJV) So here God spoke to Christ and the people heard him. Christ also stress to them that the voice of God came for their sake to believe. But inspite of that all they were indifference to it. *In evangelism if the heart of the people is not opened to the message, then still whatever you do still it will not be possible to convince them if they are not willing to be convinced.**

“The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.” (John 9:30 KJV) The man, who was healed by Jesus, had taken the place of Christ in convincing the people and persuading them to

believe in the truth. That man was willing to suffer for Christ and bear the burden with Jesus in forwarding the message of salvation to the people. He told them that Jesus did marvelous thing in opening his eyes to see, but still they have difficulty to know from where He came. We need to share when we evangelize the good things that the Lord had done to us.

They were not able to see and admit that He came from heaven. They were so adamant in their refusal to believe and accept that Christ was sent from heaven. They failed to recognize that Christ came to do them wonderful things and do them good and benefited them. They were not aware to correlate of what Isaiah prophesied about Christ, **“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”** (Isaiah 9:6 KJV) Many people whom we present the message they are totally unaware that Christ had come to them in order to bless them and to make their lives better.

Therefore the following are what we need to do:

We need to pray for such people that their eyes shall be opened to see and recognized the truth.

We need to be more patience and persevering like this man, by doing all we can to convince the people about the authenticity of Christ and His Word.

We need to go through Scriptures, reading to them, explaining points and views about Christ supported with Scriptures that they might believe that God had something for them far better than their own plans and will.

“Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.” (John 9:31 KJV) That man who had been healed by Jesus became a mighty preacher; bringing Scriptural evidences to convince his hearer. He started with them from a common base when he stated, **“Now we know that God heareth not sinners.”** He knew that they are agreeing with him about that. Certain times we need to start with people from where they are agreeing with. Further he stated to them what conditions that God is seeking, before he hear and answer prayers. He wanted to convince them that what Jesus did is acceptable before God, and that is why the man was healed from his blindness.

He stated to them two important truth for God to hear, *first*, the man should be a worshipper of God, who serve God, *second*, the man should be doing his will. Concluding with this statement that what Jesus did to heal him on the Sabbath was God’s will. Evangelism is to state to the people what is the will of God.

“Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.” (John 9:32 KJV) He gave them another evidence, that what Jesus did was nothing done similar to it from the beginning of the world. What he was telling them, ‘Since the world began was not heard what Jesus did, and you instead of being happy and joyous with it, you are persecuting him.’ Evangelism is to speak to the people about positive things that they are not able to see. The Lord is the only one who would open the eyes of the blind, “The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous.” (Psalm 146:8 KJV) **“Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.”** (Isaiah 35:5 KJV) Evangelism is to let

someone be able to see, and you might be persecuted for this good work. But take heart, the Lord shall reward you for every good thing that you will do for Him and for the sake of His people.

“If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.” (John 9:33 KJV) With all the evidences that we read in the previous verses, the man that was healed by Jesus concluded that if this Jesus is not from God he can do nothing. True, that no one can do anything if God will not do it. If Jesus was not sent from God, then He will not be able to do the good things that he was doing. In Evangelism, doing the good things of God is a good testimony and affirmation that we are sent by God to do the good work that he prepared in advance for us to do.

“They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.” (John 9:34 KJV) Now it reached the end of the discussion between the blind man and the Jewish. Closed end was reached and what is remained is to part company. The blind man who was healed by Jesus was expelled out from the synagogue. There will be a time that when we should accept that we will be put out of certain people lives because what we are proposing for them from God’s Word they are not accepting and our stand will be abhorred by them. They might even tell us face to face, no need more teaching, enough with what we heard. They will cast us out from their lives because we will be a source of threat to them. The Jewish cast this man out from the synagogue because he was speaking to them the truth that they hated, as well as he was a threat to them because he will be evangelizing to others to follow Christ and walk in His ways. Evangelism is a spiritual battle, step by step will go from level to a higher one till it will reach the climax, that ultimately masks will be ripped off and wolves and those with wrong motive and false agenda will be clearly recognized. Evangelism is a spiritual battle, and we need to prepare for it emotionally to face rejection, persecution and isolation.

“Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?” (John 9:35 KJV) Jesus heard the story of what had happened to the man. Sure Jesus was following that man and observing the outcome of his life after he had healed him. Notice what is said, **“and when he had found him”**, so Jesus was searching and looking for that man. Even today Jesus is interested in our lives and especially our response to the message that we are receiving from Him. And he is searching for us to reach us and to aid us in our endeavor to serve Him and reach the lost. Evangelism entails follow up to those whom we have reached out and study the outcome of their lives and what was the impact of the message of Jesus and God’s Word that they had received from God. The Lord reached out that man and healed him, and the outcome of that healing was that he stood firm to the message of God and tried to impact to the people that he belonged to Jesus, and finally the man expelled from his community, as a person who is unwanted and cannot be coop with. The Lord here met this man for the second time in order to continue with him what He had started with him.

“And when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?” Jesus now is beginning to introduce to him Himself as the son of God. He asked first if he believe on the son of God? Jesus was finding out where his level of faith and where he reached out. At the junction of trials, we use the opportunity to impact more of faith and help people that we disciples to reach the higher level of faith.

“He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?” (John 9:36 KJV) The man was so open to accept and believe that God has His Son. There are people whom they are hard to believe but there are people who are easily to believe. The man had faith that there is a Messiah but he was not aware that he was speaking with Him. Notice how he was eager to ask, **“Who is he.”** He was so eager to meet him to believe on Him. That man through the miracle that Jesus did in his life, he developed the trust on God, that the Lord is beside him and He will not be misleading him, but will further accomplish better things for his life. The man was asking **“Who is he”**, not like Thomas who was doubting, but this man was eager to meet the Son of God so he will honor Him and worship Him and give Him what is due to Him. Those who truly believe they would see also that God is there in their lives to lead them and to help them in their trials.

“And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.” (John 9:37 KJV) Jesus declared to him immediately what was in his heart from desire. Jesus is near to those who delight in Him and He is near and quick to fulfill their heart desires. Jesus had given that man further two privileges as he delighted in him; *first*, he seen him, *second* he talked with Him. Notice that those who believe in Christ they will progress rapidly with the process of discipleship.

“And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.” (John 9:38 KJV) The man promptly responded and announced his faith, that he believed and he worshipped Him. The Greek’s word that is used for ‘worshipped him’, is ‘Proskuneo’, and it has the following meanings:

To kiss the hand in token of reverence, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence. By kneeling or prostration is to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication to God and to Christ. True disciples are willing to kneel down and express homage to Christ and to His will in their lives. Kneeling down at the Lord’s feet express loyalty to Him and loyalty to what plans He has for us in our lives.

“And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.” (John 9:39 KJV) In Evangelism we are bringing the judgment of God on the people that we are reaching out. The judgment of Jesus in His coming to this world, that those who has eyes but they don’t believe on the Son of God and on His word they are blind and cannot see the truth, and those who does believe on Him and on His Word their eyes are open to the truth. What Jesus said was a message of rebuke to those whom He had revealed Himself to them, but they still chose to refuse believing on Him and to surrender to His plan and will. Hard rebuke needed to be directed to those who are not willing to follow the revealed truth.

“And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?” (John 9:40 KJV) The Pharisees were hit with what Jesus said, and got offended being spoken of as blinds by Jesus. In evangelism, the message to those who does not believe and who are opposing the truth, the message would bring a real rebuke to them. Also we can see that the Pharisees who were opposing the Lord they were just around, and Jesus did not fail to tell them the message and to expound it to them.

“Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.” (John 9:41 KJV) The answer of Jesus explained to them *first*, that they are not blind, but they have eyes and had met the Lord; they saw Him and heard from Him but they did not believe, and that was their sins, and their blood is on their own head. *Second*, His answer to them explained to them that sin in their lives is more dangerous than sicknesses. *Third*, since they are insisting that they are not blind and they are not willing to believe it means that their sin of unbelief will remain in them.

My Dear and Beloved: Let us review some of what we learn from the message:

1. We need to share when we evangelize the good things that the Lord had done to us.
2. We need to be aware that many people whom we present the message they are totally unaware that Christ had come to them in order to bless them and to make their lives better. Therefore the following are what we need to do:
3. We need to pray for such people that their eyes shall be opened to see and recognized the truth.
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5. We need to go through Scriptures, reading to them, explaining points and views about Christ supported with Scriptures that they might believe that God had something for them far better than their own plans and will.
6. Certain times we need to start with the people from where they are agreeing with us as well as put in your mind that.
7. Evangelism is to state to the people what is the will of God.
8. Evangelism is to speak to the people about positive things that they are not able to see, for the Lord is the only one who would open the eyes of the blind.
9. Evangelism is to let someone be able to see, and you might be persecuted for this good work. But take heart, the Lord shall reward you for every good thing that you will do for Him and for the sake of His people.
10. In Evangelism, in doing the good things of God is our good testimony and affirmation that we are sent by God to do the good work that he prepared in advance for us to do.
11. Evangelism is a spiritual battle, step by step will go from level to a higher one till it will reach the climax, that ultimately masks will be ripped off and wolves and those with wrong motive and false agenda will be clearly recognized. Evangelism is a spiritual battle, and we need to prepare for it emotionally and spiritually to face rejection, persecution and isolation.

12. Evangelism entails follow up to those whom we have reached out and study the outcome of their lives and what was the impact of the message of Jesus and God's Word that they had received from God.
13. Evangelism will lead to discipleship: At the junction of trials, we use the opportunity to impact more of faith and help people that we evangelise to disciples in order to reach the higher level of faith. Notice that those who believe in Christ they will progress rapidly with the process of discipleship, and true disciples are willing to kneel down and express homage to Christ and to His will in their lives. Kneeling down at the Lord's feet express loyalty to Him and loyalty to what plans He has for us in our lives.
14. In Evangelism we are bringing the judgment of God on the people that we are reaching out. The judgment of Jesus in His coming to this world, that those who has eyes but they don't believe on the Son of God and on His Word they are blind and cannot see the truth, and those who does believe on Him and on His Word their eyes are open to the truth. In evangelism, the message to those who does not believe and who are opposing the truth, the message would bring a real rebuke to them. The message of Jesus said is a message of rebuke to those whom He had revealed Himself to them, but they still chose to refuse believing on Him and to surrender to His plan and will. Therefore hard rebuke needed to be directed to those who are not willing to follow the revealed truth.

Therefore my Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Let us learn how to evangelize from the Word of God and how Jesus moved around and did the good work of God. Let us be firm and go back to the principles of God's Word that would teach us to bring back God's church to the heart of the Lord in proclaiming the message in the way it should be proclaimed to the lost souls. Let us use the Scriptures always in our messages of evangelism, and let us combat sin, and face the people with the sins that are destroying their lives. Let us also face the ringleaders who are taking people and misleading them in a direction away from God. Let us have the courage and the strength from the Lord to do His work. Let us follow and care for the true disciples who got converted and let us build them further in the Holy faith, as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life.*

*Lord I renounce all my sins _____
Let us confess and renounce our sins to the Lord*

Lord I commit myself to go and serve you and do the work that you had prepared in advance for me to do. Lord I am willing to go to wherever place or people you are going to send me. Lord I abide with your will and plan to deliver the message that you want me to deliver. Lord I am willing to face the people with their sins and I am willing to face the ringleaders who are taking the people in a direction away from God.

Lord refills me with the Holy Spirit and gives me the spiritual gifts that I need in my life to serve you, to evangelize and to heal the sick. Lord sustains me with a good health and the

needed strength to do this ministry. Lord I trust you to protect me and provide for me as I go forward to spread your Word to the lost world. Lord trusting you my future and my life.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and my Sisters who committed their lives to go and evangelize, Lord Baptize them with the Holy Ghost, and give them the spiritual gifts to go and spread your Word. Lord gives them boldness to stand firm and to abide in your Word and to do your will in full. Lord I pray that you will protect them and provide all their needs and do marvelous miracles in their lives and in their ministries.

Lord bless your church, and enable us Lord to reach new people, new families, new villages, and new areas with the gospel, impacting new cities, countries and nations with the gospel of Jesus. Lord enables us to preach boldly your Word and to do the very thing that you wants us to do.

Lord enables us to plant new Bible studies and more congregations in various places. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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