

A Man Born Blind (2)

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(continued from last week)

What must be done? [Jn.9:4-5]. In verse 4, the KJV says “I”, and the ASV says “We”. Either way, Jesus states emphatically the “I/we” and “must”; speaking of the works of God. There was a compelling necessity to do and shew the works of the Father. This was all part of why God the Father sent His Son; to open the eyes of the physically blind, so that he could open the eyes of the spiritually blind. The purpose of the miracle was to prove him to be the son of God, to prove the message, and to produce faith [Jn.9:35-38; 20:30-31].

When came the blessing? [Jn. 9:6-7]. Jesus proceeded to cure the man [Jn.9:6], and He healed this man on the condition of obedience [Jn.9:7]. The blind man was instructed to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. The blind man washed as he was told to do, and even though his eyes had been anointed, the healing would not have occurred had he not obeyed all the Lord had commanded him to do. The blind man had to go. You might could say that he walked by faith and not by sight, on the way to that pool. He had to wash. Even though his eyes had been anointed, the healing would not have happened had he not washed. No matter if there are two steps, or five steps, ALL must be done to be counted faithful. In Hebrews 11, we see that by faith Abel offered an acceptable sacrifice, by faith Enoch pleased God, proclaiming God’s warnings to the world [Jude 14,15], by faith Noah built the Ark, and by faith Abraham got up and left his country to a land that God would shew him. And here in the book of John chapter 9, by faith the blind man received his sight by going and washing.

Where conditions are given, they must be met, before the blessing can be ours. In Acts 2:38, we are told to repent and be baptized to have remission of our sins. This means that IF we repent AND then are baptized, after these are completed, we can be healed of our sins. Another way to say it would be; if I do not repent then I will not be baptized, and my sins will remain my curse unto death [Rom.6:23]. As we conclude; we have seen in Hebrews 11:2, that all of them by their faith (obedience) obtained a good report before God. To make it perfectly clear, how did Noah receive a good report? [Gen.7:5] Noah did according unto ALL that the Lord commanded him. There it is. If we want his blessings, we must obey ALL that he has commanded us, which means that we must read to know his commandments. [Rom.10:17, 2 Tim.2:15, 2 Pet.2:2].