

We will begin the 8<sup>th</sup> lecture on the book of John. /Today's message is from John 9. /The title of the chapter is "The Blind Man." /I will give you the main points of the chapter.

/First, Jesus opens the eyes of the blind man. /Verses 1-7. /Second, the blind man whose eyes are opened tells his testimony. /Verses 8-34. /Third, the man whose eyes are opened meets Jesus. /Verses 35-41.

/Today's message from the Bible is about Jesus giving sight to the blind man. /Jesus is not only healing the disease of the flesh. /He is healing the man's spirit as well.

/Whoever does not believe in Jesus is spiritually blind. /Whoever does not believe in Jesus will not see God. /Non-believers do not know heaven. /They do not know eternal life. /That is why they are spiritually blind.

/Our spiritual eyes are opened when we believe in Jesus. /Then, we will be able to see God /and see heaven. /Believers can live in this faith.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth.

/There was a man who was blind from birth. /He had tried different kinds of medicine, but he was not healed. /Doctors could not cure the man. /He was a pitiful man who had been blind his entire life.

/Verse 2. /And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

/The disciples asked Jesus, "Who sinned that he was born blind?" /Did the man sin or did his parents sin?

/Verse 3. /Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

/Jesus answered them. /He said that the man isn't blind because of the sins of his parents. /He also isn't blind because of his own sins. /He is blind so that the works of God will be displayed in him.

/The man's sins are not the cause of his blindness from birth. /God wanted to display his good work through this person. /There are multiple reasons why we are sick.

/We may become sick because of our sin. /5:14. /The devil may be the cause of our sickness. /Mark 5:2. /Also, we may be sick to reveal the glory of God. /11:4. /Sometimes, God gives us thorns to refine us. /2 Corinthians 12:7.

/As we have just seen, there are many causes of sickness. /If we are sick because of our sin, we need to repent. /We also need to pray to God that he will heal us. /James 5:16.

/Verses 4-5. /We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

/We can work during the day. /We cannot work when it is night. /Then when is it day? /It is day when Jesus is present. /Jesus came and shined the light of life on his disciples. /Therefore, when Jesus is there, there is light. /However, Jesus soon dies on the cross. /When he dies on the cross, a night of trouble comes. /We too have our night.

/As we walk down the road of life, troubles, hardships, and suffering find us. /But when the night passes, the day comes. /The day also refers to our time of peace. /We must do works of faith when God gives us peace. /It is the time when we need to work faithfully for the Lord.

/Verses 6-7. /Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

/Jesus spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. /Next, he rubbed the mud on the blind man's eyes. /He told the man to wash in the pool of Siloam. /The mud that Jesus made and rubbed on the man represents Jesus's love and mercy.

/The Lord's spit and mud are not dirty things. /They are Jesus's love and mercy. /He rubbed these things on the blind man's eyes. /This teaches us that Jesus is the light of the world.

/Jesus showed that he loves the blind man and looks after him. /The blind man knew that Jesus had saved him. /Jesus told the man to wash in the water of Siloam.

/The man obeyed. / “Faith” is obedience. /To have faith means to trust in the word of God. /It is physically obeying the word. /This is complete faith. /James 2:22.

/The blind man trusted Jesus when he told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. /He believed that he would be healed if he washed his eyes in Siloam. /He did go and wash, and his eyes were opened.

/ “Siloam” here means “Sent.” /It means God is sending Jesus Christ to us. /God displays his will through Siloam.

/If we believe in Jesus, we are healed from our spiritual blindness. /When we are obedient, our spiritual eyes are opened. /Then, we can know the truth, see Jesus, /see God, /see the afterlife, /and see heaven.

/Verses 8-9. /The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.”

/The man, after being healed, appeared before the people. /The people thought strangely of the blind man. /Some said, “This is the man who used to sit and beg.”

/To this, the blind man who was healed said, “I am the man.” / “I am the man who used to beg in the past.” / I am the man who was blind in my past.” / “Now, however, Jesus has opened my eyes.”

/In this way, someone who is healed bears witness about Christ. /We must remember the difficult times of our past. /We need to remember the time when we were chief of all sinners. /But because of Jesus, our sins have been forgiven.

/Our spiritual eyes have been opened. /Thus we need to bear witness about Jesus and boast in him. /The people asked the formerly blind man, “How were your eyes opened?”

/Verse 11. /He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.”

/The man who could now see said that it was Jesus who had healed him. /The man told it as it was. /It isn’t difficult for us to preach about Jesus. /We simply need to introduce Jesus as we believe in him and know him.

/The Pharisees then brought the man who was healed from blindness. /They didn’t want to believe the signs done by Jesus. /They wanted to find fault in Jesus. //They wanted to dig out his mistake and cause him to fall.

/Verses 14-15. /Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

/Jesus healed the man on the Sabbath. /The Pharisees criticized Jesus for this. /Jesus not only heals our physical illnesses, but he heals our spiritual illnesses. /Jesus also saved a life on the Sabbath by doing a good deed.

/The Pharisees were divided in their opinion. /Some acknowledged the fact that Jesus came from God. /They saw Jesus’s power in healing the blind man, and they acknowledged him as someone who came from God.

/On the other hand, some did not believe in Jesus. /They claimed that because Jesus did not remember the Sabbath, he could not be from God. /In this way, the people were divided. /They started to argue with each other.

/Verse 17. /So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

/The Pharisees asked the formerly blind man, “What do you say about him?” /The man replied, “He is a prophet.”

/The man whose eyes were opened said that Jesus is a prophet. /As he bore witness about Jesus, his faith grew more and more. /Even in the midst of the Pharisees’ persecution, the blind man boldly bore witness.

/This is faith. /As the man became more sure of his faith in Jesus, he did more to bear witness. /His spiritual eyes were opened, /and he came to know Jesus.

/The Pharisees then brought the parents of the blind man and asked them questions. /Even though they had evidence, they did not believe in Jesus. /They rejected Jesus in every way.

/The Pharisees asked the parents of the blind man. /In verse 19, they ask, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind?” /The parents confirmed that it was their son. /Still, the parents did not bear witness about Jesus.

/Verses 20-21. /His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”

/The parents of the blind man replied. /They said that their son was born blind, but he now sees. /As to how he sees, they said they do not know.

/They said, “Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” /The parents are betraying grace. /They did not give thanks to Jesus. /They did not bear witness about Jesus.

/The parents were afraid of the Pharisees, who were persecuting them. /For this reason they did not thank Jesus for healing their son. /They did not bear witness about Jesus. /Such an action is betraying the grace of God. /They denied Jesus. /Matthew 10:32, 33.

/Verses 22-23. /His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

/The parents did not say that Jesus had healed their son. /Why did they do this? /They did this because the Jews decided to excommunicate anyone who acknowledged Jesus.

/These people were afraid the Jews would excommunicate them. /They did not have faith. /They should be grateful that their son has been healed. /However, because they feared excommunication, they denied Jesus.

/Verse 24. /So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.”

/The Pharisees for a second time called the man who had been blind. /They told him to "Give glory to God." /The Pharisees believed that the blind man's eyes were opened because of the grace of God. /They also said that Jesus is a sinner. /They told the man not to follow Jesus, who they said was a sinner.

/Verse 25. /He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

/The blind man who was healed continued to bear witness about Jesus. /He boldly proclaimed that Jesus's grace had opened his eyes. /He was persecuted, but it did not stop him from bearing witness. /This is true faith.

/Verses 28-29. /And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

/The Pharisees reviled him. /They said that they are disciples of Moses. /But if they had truly believed in Moses, they would have believed in Jesus. /The Pharisees did not understand the true meaning of the Law of Moses. /They took the shell of the law and used it to make their claims. /Doing so, they boasted in being Moses's disciples.

/Verse 30. /The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes."

/The man whose eyes were opened gathered courage and rebuked the Pharisees. / "Why do you see the work of Christ and deny it?" / "This is an amazing thing."

/Verse 31. /We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him.

/ "God does not listen to the prayer of sinners." /Isaiah 59:2 / "God helps those who are righteous and upright. /Jeremiah 5:1 /1 Peter 3:12

/Verses 32-33. /Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."

/The formerly blind man continued to bear witness about Jesus. /He bore witness about the work of God. /He said that Jesus came from God. /He said that Jesus is the Christ.

/He correctly applied his conscience of faith. /He continued to talk about Jesus. /In verses 11, 17, /and in verse 30, he bears witness about Jesus. /His faith continued to grow. /His spiritual eyes were opened.

/Verse 34. /They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

/The Pharisees cast out the blind man who could now see. /Their pride was damaged because the formerly blind man was teaching them. /They were jealous that the man was bearing witness about Christ, so they kicked him out.

/The Pharisees received the light of the gospel, but they rejected it. /They continued to dwell in darkness, in sin. /They cast out this blind man. /They excommunicated him. /We can see how powerful are the forces of darkness. /But in the end, the truth wins, the gospel wins, and the light wins.

/Verse 35. /Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

/The man was cast out. /Jesus heard that they had cast him out. /Jesus went to this man, /and he comforted him.

/The Lord gave this person more grace and blessings. /If we are persecuted for the Lord, God comforts us. /If we suffer for Christ, Christ comforts us. /We receive great comfort, joy, and life through Jesus.

/Verse 36. /He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”

/Verse 37. /Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.”

/The blind man said, “I want to believe.” /This person learned more about Jesus, and he wanted to be confident of his salvation. /When the man said this, Jesus said this to him.

/He said, “You have seen him, /and it is he who is speaking to you.” /Jesus bore witness to the fact that he is Christ. /In verse 38, the blind man bowed down when he said, “Lord, I believe.” /This man had complete faith in Jesus.

/Verse 39. /Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

/Jesus is the Lord of salvation and the Lord of judgment. /Therefore he has mercy on those who do not see him and saves them. /Jesus saves those who consider themselves to be blind and sinful.

/However, the Pharisees said, “We are not blind. We are not sinners.” /These people cannot be saved. /Those who claim they are sinless cannot believe in Jesus.

/Jesus came to call on sinners. /That is how the blind man repented and was saved by believing in Jesus. /God blesses the person who is humble and poor in spirit. /Matthew 5:3, 4.

/Verse 40. /Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”

/The Pharisees were spiritually blind. /They are saying that they are not blind physically. / They do not know that their spirit's eyes are blind. /They do not know the truth. /The Pharisees did not know Jesus. /But they didn't know that they were spiritually blind men.

/Verse 41. /Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

/Jesus saves anyone who knows he is blind. /If the Pharisees admitted that they were blind, they would become humble and would have believed in Jesus. /The Pharisees were content with seeing with their physical eyes.

/Moreover, they are saying that they are not sinners. /They did not know they were spiritually blind. /Thus they did not seek Jesus. /They did not believe in Jesus.

/Therefore, the Pharisees were not saved. /No one in this world is without sin. /1 John 1:8 /Romans 3:10 /Apart from the name of Jesus, there is no way to be forgiven of sins. /Acts 4:12.

/We will continue with John 10. /The title of chapter 10 is "The Shepherd." /I will give you the main points. /First, the analogy of the shepherd and his sheep. /Verses 1-18.

/Second, the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. /Verses 19-21. /Third, proof that Jesus is God's Son. /Verses 22-39. /Fourth, John the Baptist's testimony and its effect. /Verses 40-42. /Today's message is about Jesus being the good shepherd.

/Verse 1. Let us read. /"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

/Whoever does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in another way is a thief and a robber. /Whoever does not enter through the door but climbs over a wall is a thief and a robber. /Jesus is the sheep's door. /Verse 8. /He is also the shepherd. /Verse 11.

/Furthermore, Jesus is the sheepfold. /Verse 16. /He is also the gatekeeper. /Verse 3. /In this way, Jesus is the good shepherd. /We can be saved through Jesus. /We believers are the sheep.

/We receive salvation through Jesus who is our shepherd. /We live by eating the food of life that Jesus gives us. /Anyone who comes in another way is a thief and a robber. /Who is someone who enters in another way?

/First, he is someone who is not sent through by Christ, who is the door. /He is someone who claims that salvation can be earned through other methods. /Other religions are all thieves and robbers. /People can only be saved through Jesus. /Acts 4:12 /Jesus is the only door of salvation.

/Second, through the Bible, we need to understand the truth. /Anyone who denies the Bible's truth is a thief and a robber. /The Bible tells us about the way of salvation. /The Bible bears witness about Jesus. /We are fed spiritual food through the Bible.

/Verse 2. /But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

/Christ is the "door." /Verse 4. /Jesus Christ is also the "shepherd." /Entering by the door means that salvation is received through Jesus. /Jesus Christ is the door of salvation. /He is our true shepherd. /He has made for us a way of salvation. /The Lord is the way, the truth, and the life. /John 14:6.

/Verse 3. /To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

/Jesus is the "gatekeeper." /He is the one who opens and closes the door. /Revelation 3:7. /The gatekeeper stops thieves and robbers from entering. /He protects the sheep.

/Jesus permits us to enter the door of salvation. /Revelation 3:8. /He also fends off the devil and wolves. /The sheep know his voice. /They hear Jesus's voice through the ears of their spirits.

/We hear the word of truth that Jesus teaches us. /We eat of his food of life. /Therefore, when Jesus calls to us to come, we follow him. /He leads us to green pastures and clean waters.

/We as sheep must follow the Lord's voice. /Jesus calls on his sheep. /He said to Simon, "Peter." /He also knew Nathanael. /He knew Zacchaeus's name. /God knew Moses when he called out to him, "Moses, Moses."

/God knows the name of each and every believer. /He has written our names in the book of life, and he remembers all of our names. /The Lord knows the condition of our faith. /He knows that we are lacking, /and he knows that we work for him.

/Verse 4. /When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

/Jesus goes before us and sets an example. /We need to follow his footsteps. /1 Peter 2:21-23. /Hebrews 6:19-20. /The sheep know Jesus's voice. /When he calls on us, /we know his voice. /We must come to understand the truth and follow Jesus.

/Verse 5. /A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

/The voice of strangers is not the voice of Jesus. /It isn't the truth. /Therefore we do not follow the voice of strangers. /It is not the spiritual truth. /It is not food for the spirit. /This voice is the theories and philosophies of man.



/It is not the right ideology. /It is not the truth. /The sheep must not follow these things.  
/Today, there are numerous cults and false prophets. /We must not follow their claims.

/Verse 6. /This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

/Jesus taught the people the spiritual truth. /However, those whose spiritual ears were closed did not understand the truth. /Non-believers cannot know the secret of heaven.  
/Matthew 13:11.

/Verse 7. /So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

/Jesus is the door of the sheep. /We are saved through Jesus. /We also enter the spiritual world through Jesus.

/Verse 8. /All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them.

/All who came before Jesus are thieves and robbers. /Who are these people who came before Jesus? /This isn’t referring to the prophets of the Old Testament. /This does not refer to John the Baptist.

/ “All who came before Jesus” refers to those who are put above Jesus. /Those who say, “You can be saved through something other than Jesus” are thieves and robbers. /They are those who came before Jesus. /The sheep do not listen to the voice of these thieves and robbers. /We also must not follow this voice.

/Verse 9. /I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

/Jesus is the door of the sheep. /We are saved through Jesus. /The Lord protects us. /We are able to enter the spiritual world. /We go in and out as we find pasture. /What does it mean to go in and find pasture?

/It means we enter Christ. /We enter the world of the spirit. /We are going deeper into the world of truth. /There, we find spiritual food in plenty.

/We need to pray as we enter the Lord’s world. /We must communicate with him at all times. /Next, we must find pasture. /This means that we obey the Lord’s commands and eat the food for the spirit.

/We not only should enter this world, but we also need to go out and obey. /We need to repent as we enter. /We must long for the world of truth with earnest hearts.  
/Furthermore, we need to go out and live a life of obedience.

/Peter saw Jesus's transfiguration on the Mount of Transfiguration. /Peter said, "It is good that we are here." /He proceeded to say that he will make three tents. /This is not right.

/If we have entered the spiritual world, we must next go outside. /We need to go out and obey the word of God. /We need to go out and evangelize. /We must fulfill the will of God.

/Verse 10. /The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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/Thieves come to lead the sheep astray and kill them. /However, Jesus is the good shepherd. /He came to give us life. /He nurtures us with the word of truth.

/This concludes our 8<sup>th</sup> lecture on the book of John. /Thank you.