

Open My Eyes, Lord

Scripture reading: John 9:1-7

Did you know that it is not everybody who believes the message of the Kingdom that is in the Holy Place? It is not everyone who has the Holy Spirit that is in the Holy Place. When you get into the Holy Place, the Holy Place has to get into you in order for you to be in the Holy Place. Can you understand it? In other words, if you are in the Holy Place and you are acting like a tramp, do you think God will say, "You are in the Holy Place, therefore I will just take you in."? No, no. You have rejected the Spirit of God that makes you holy. We cannot be holy without the Spirit of God. If you are acting like John Brown, you can't claim to be holy. You cannot act like your mother or your father and expect to be holy. You can preach like Paul, you can sing like angels, you can do anything else and bless God's people, too, but remember: to be holy you have to follow the Holy Spirit.

There were two blind men in the New Testament. There was blind Bartimaeus and there was the other blind man that God made the spittle, put on his eyes and sent him on. Praise God. I want to talk about those two. The eyes of the one man were gone, clean gone. He was blind because he probably had no pupil, but Jesus Christ created eyes right there. He used the power of creation; He took spittle, made clay, put it over his eyes and said, "...Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash..." (John 9:11). When the man washed the clay off of his eyes, his eyes were perfect, 20/20 vision. Let's take Mark 10:46 first and then we will go to Luke 18:35.

Mark 10:46, "And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. 47And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me." Now, Jesus cannot disregard that kind of a plea. You know, when God says sometimes, "Command Me," that is what He means. If you work according to God's plan and God's law, God must. Jesus could not pass him. "Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me. 48And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, Thou Son of David, have mercy on me." The words "Son of David" have a special meaning; it means that He was the Messiah. That is what it meant in the Hebrew. He was saying, "Jesus, Messiah, the One that should come, the promised Son of David have mercy on me." Verse 49, "And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee. 50And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus. 51And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight."

We are talking about the optometrist. Do you understand? You are to go to the optometrist and you must ask for what you want. He is not going to give you sight unless you ask for it. Tell Him what you want and it must be from your heart, brethren. This man was hollering. They couldn't shut him up because he knew that God was passing him by and he did not want God to pass him by. He wanted his eyes healed.

Verse 52, "And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way." Do you understand what happened here? Jesus never touched him. It wasn't necessary. He touched Jesus with his faith.

When you look at John 9:1-7, you see another case. In this case, God wanted that blind man as a minister. God wanted him so He made him born blind, then He sent Jesus to heal him. Isn't this a wonderful God? That is a different case. That man didn't ask for anything. He was just made by God, set there, punished, suffered blindness all his life so that God might glorify Himself in him. Some of you are like that, but don't count on it. You go and ask God to open your eyes.

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