

# He Came Looking For Me

- *John 9:35-41*

- **What a great day to worship the Lord, Amen? If the Lord has been good to you, He needs to hear it today.**
  - So many times we choose not to worship the Lord b/c of some circumstances that get us down; but folks, God has been good.
  - We have the ability to walk into this auditorium this morning, we breathe the air that God has given to us today, we are able to hear the tremendous singing that we have enjoyed today, and God has given us sight to enjoy another beautiful day.
  - Where would we be today without the day to day necessities that we so easily take for granted?
  - Take our eyes. God has given us sight to see & get us around and allow us to enjoy the beauty that He has created, yet very few ever thank Him for their sight.
- **Blindness is a terrible disease that affects many in our world today.**
  - 285 million people are estimated to be visually impaired worldwide: 39 million are blind and 246 have low vision.
  - 80% of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured.
- **In our text this morning, we will be reading of a man that was born blind from his birth. This is a fascinating story that shows the power of God & the simple faith of man.**
  - The Bible tells us that Jesus passed by & saw this man sitting at the gate of the temple begging alms, as was a custom in that day.
  - With no regard as to who Jesus was & no request from him to be healed, Jesus spat on the ground, made some clay & placed it on the man's eyes & commanded him to go & wash in the pool of Siloam.
  - Of course, we read that he was healed miraculously & many times that is the end of the story from our standpoint, but it was just the beginning for this blind man that had been made whole.
    - Jesus had healed this man physically, but as always the case Jesus also desired to heal him spiritually.
- **After much arguing from the Pharisees over how this man was healed, if he was really healed & who commissioned the healing, the Bible tells us in v.34 that they became so angry that they threw him out of the temple.**
- **READ SCRIPTURE**
- **Jesus has already healed his physical sight and now He's about to heal his spiritual blindness. He's about to give him spiritual sight.**
- I. **Spiritual Sight – The Beggar (vv.35-38)**
  - Now as great as physical sight is, it is more important that we have spiritual sight. A person who can see spiritually has these four features involved in that sight.
    - a. **Jesus Sought Him Out (v.35)**
      - i. "Jesus heard that they had cast him out." Now I asked myself, "How did Jesus hear about it?" How He heard about it, I don't know and it really doesn't matter, it's enough to know that Jesus heard.
        - 1. It tells me that Jesus was aware & Jesus was concerned with what was going on in this man's life.

2. And church, if He cares for the sparrow when it falls, if He cares about a blind man getting kicked out of the temple, think how much more He cares for us!
3. We serve a Savior who is loving, and caring, and who desires to be personally involved in each of our lives.
- ii. "And when He had found him," Jesus actually went after the man. It does not say, "And when they cast him out he found Jesus." Jesus found him.
  1. Anyone can cast a person out – a business, a church, family, and friends. But Jesus seeks the person who is cast out & rejected.
- iii. The very fact that the man was healed physically in the first place was an act of divine sovereign grace. Christ sought him out, healed him physically. Turned right around, sought him out again, and healed him spiritually.
  1. John 15:16 - Jesus said to His disciples, "You have not chosen Me, I have chosen you and ordained you."
  2. All throughout the life of Christ, He is always seeking the lost. It is divine initiative that brings spiritual sight. And the miracle of the beggar's spiritual sight depended on Savior seeking him out.
- iv. If you go back to chapter 5, the man lying by the pool and could not walk, having a disease for 38 years? Jesus healed him, said rise up, take up your bed and walk.
- v. A little while later the Bible says, "And Jesus found him in the temple." Jesus went after the man because He had only begun the work with the physical healing, He went to the temple and met him and talked to him about his soul. And He does the same thing right here.
  1. And if there is ever going to be any spiritual sight in our lives, if salvation will ever come our way, it will take the seeking or the prompting of the Savior.
  2. Jesus does the seeking, not you, not me. He didn't choose to die for us b/c we sought Him out. He loved us when we were unlovable & He still chose to die for us.
  3. We can't save ourselves either. That's why works alone won't get it done.
    - a. That would be like a blind man giving himself sight, or a lame man curing his own disease, or water making itself into wine. Spiritual sight depends on God's interaction and God's power offered through His sovereign grace.
- vi. Yet the Pharisees saw all His miracles, heard all His words, had all the light He could give and they never saw anything. You see, the only thing that can cure blindness physically is not light, but the surgeon's scalpel, the touch of a physician, or a miracle. The only thing that can change spiritual blindness is the touch of the Great Physician ... a divine miracle.
  1. He is not really sure all about Jesus right now, all he knows is Jesus healed my eyes and He must be something and I'm going to stick up for Him. And you know what it does? It cost him everything. They threw him out of the life of Israel. He couldn't attend any religious functions. He had no economic power to buy or to purchase things. He was ostracized from all the social life of his country. His parents didn't want a thing to do with him. This guy paid the supreme price to stay true to a man named Jesus that he didn't even know was the Son of God.

2. With that being said, that puts most of us to shame. We who have received the full revelation of who Christ is, who know every single thing about Him, who have received all of His blessings and all of His mercies and all of the things that He could give us, and yet we aren't even willing to make such an uncompromising stand that it would cost us something. And even though he doesn't understand all of who Christ is, he is willing to pay whatever cost there has to be paid to be true to the One who gave him his sight. Church, there's no place for compromise in the life of a Christian.
- vii. Well, Christ asked him an important question. He said, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" Now he didn't really know who the Son of God was, and Christ doesn't really tell him now. He just says do you believe on Him?
  1. In v.11 when asked about Jesus, he calls him "a man".
  2. In v.17, he changes his terminology & refers to Jesus as a prophet.
  3. And then in v.33, he realizes that this man is "of God".
  4. The man had shown boldness in the face of skepticism & adversity and yet he was willing to stand up for Christ.
- viii. And now Jesus says, "Do you believe on the Son of God?"
  1. Don't you find it a little ironic that not one time did the man ever ask Jesus, "Who are You? Who is the Son of God?"
- ix. Sight not only rises in divine initiative, but it requires

**b. Faith (v.36)**

- i. Spiritual sight comes from divine interaction and God's ability to give it. But we must respond. That's the balance of salvation. Look at it, verse 36. "He answered and said, Who is He, Lord, that I might believe on Him?" This guy is ready, it's just a matter of "Lord, what do I do now?"
- ii. You contrast that kind of attitude with the Pharisees, who thought they had it all figured out. They were more concerned with being a disciple of Moses than a disciple of Christ.
- iii. This blind man wanted to believe. He just wanted to know in what to believe.
  1. Romans 10:9 – "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."
  2. This man had a hunger to know who the Son of God was and so, he said, "Show me, where do I go? My faith is ready, just point me in the right direction."

**c. It recognizes Christ (v.37-38a)**

- i. "And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen Him, and it is He that talketh with thee." And he said, "Lord, I believe." No hesitation. All he wanted to do was know.
- ii. Anyone who is going to come to Christ has to recognize Him as the Son of God. Anybody who is going to have spiritual sight must recognize Christ and the sacrifice He made on Calvary's cross.
- iii. You say, "Well, how did he just recognize Christ? You know how? It was the divine miracle that had taken place in his life.
  1. Jesus talking to the disciples in Matthew said, " Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist:

some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God".

2. How did he know that? Jesus said, "Flesh and blood did not reveal that unto you but My Father which is in heaven." You know how you can recognize Jesus Christ? You know how that blind man could say, "I believe"? God showed him that He was the Christ.
- iv. And so He says, "You've seen Him and it's He that talks with you." He is saying in effect, I am the Son of God.
- v. And I love his response, "Lord, I believe." A poor beggar who saw nothing all his life clearly recognized the Son of God and a whole lot of religious leaders who thought they saw everything couldn't recognize their own Messiah. And the reason is spiritual sight can only come only from God.

**d. Results in Worship.(v.38)**

- i. "And he ... worshiped Him."
- ii. He just fell on his knees and starting worshipping Him. Isn't it awesome that what God begins, He completes? God started with the man's physical blindness, but He wasn't finished. Jesus went and found him again and completed His work.
- iii. What a testimony ... he was sought by the Lord, given physical sight, went to witness and share it, thrown out of the world, ostracized from the world, kicked out of the temple & religious circles, but Jesus came & found Him, healed his sight spiritually, and now he is sitting at the feet of Jesus Christ worshipping Him.

➤ **This is the power of God on a life. This is the power of God on our lives, not just physically, but most importantly spiritually.**

➤ **But as I conclude, I want to draw your attention to vv.39-41 & point out 2 things:**

○ **Jesus has the authority to judge.**

- If a person desires to see & have spiritual sight, Jesus will take the man who is spiritually blind and gives him sight.
  - John 12:46 – "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."
- But if the man claims to have spiritual sight apart from Christ, Christ will judge him as blind.
  - John 1:5 – "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

○ **The religionist expected to be exempt from judgment.**

- The Pharisees were opposing Jesus & they expected Him to say that they too were blind ... but He didn't.
- If they had been blind, they would have been acting in ignorance. But they knew what they were doing.
  - They knew the law of God,
  - They knew about spiritual things,
  - They falsely claimed to see,
  - And yet they did not recognize the Son of God.
- Because of these factors, they were guilty & judged "blind" and were to be condemned.

- Matthew 11:20, 22 – “Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you.”

➤ **Thank God the Savior came looking for me.**

- I was lost, I was blind, I had no hope ... but then the Savior came & found me.
- That's why He came as a baby born in a manger in Bethlehem, to seek out the lost & those in need.
  - Luke 19:10 – “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.”
- If you are seeking the Savior this morning, I want you to know that He came just for you. He gave of His life so that you might be set free. Don't turn away this amazing gift of love.
- Perhaps this morning this is an awesome opportunity for you just to say Thank You that He chose to come looking for you & that He saved your soul from sin.