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## What Was In That Mud?

### John 9:1-25

- [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.

So what is in this mystery of the healing of this blind man? Blind from birth, this man had never known sight. This means everything that sight would give you he never experienced or possessed. All of the good or bad, all of life's splendor, all of life's shame, none of it.

In one perspective you can see the man's lack of sight to life in the same way that you see that we are blinded to the sin that keeps us without a vision to change.

1 – The poor blind man could not see Jesus, but Jesus could see him.

2-3 – Jesus speaks to his blindness that this and other things are not just because someone sinned but are for the glory of God.

4-5 We must learn to do as Jesus said and work the day and not waste time. For in our time we should be resting our work cannot be accomplished. You can walk away and not work while it is day but when you need to rest the works that would have brought peace leave you restless.

### **John 1:1-3**

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

[2] The same was in the beginning with God.

[3] All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

6-7 – Human reason cannot judge of the Lord's methods. God will use the things that we as people despise. I do not know about you but if I were blind the last sound I would want to hear is someone spitting! So such is our attitude towards God regarding our blessings.

He went to the pool wondering and came back seeing. Souls go weak and come back with strength. People go doubting and come back satisfied, go mourning and come back rejoicing, go blind and come back seeing!

8-24 – Jesus' commandment to the blind man is a representation of how we follow the command of the Holy Spirit. We do not know from where and whence it comes as it is referred to in the word as being likened unto the wind. Jesus used something that was an offense to the unbelieving and religious to teach about the powerful effects of the gospel.

25 – This blind man defied the fear of men and only offered to their anger what he received in faith. Whether he is a sinner or no I know not. What I do know whereas I was blind but now I see. This is the same fight that we fight today.

### **Proverbs 29:23,25**

[23] A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

[24] Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul: he heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.

[25] The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Do not let what people make you fear keep you from doing the good work while your life is day (while you still can!)

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