

“The Christ Who Gives Sight to the Blind”

John 9:1-41

Jesus Christ presses His claims, and every man must deal with it!

The ‘Stage is set’: A Great Work is Done

vv. 1-12

- The Purpose of God

- To display God’s great works in this man
- To attest to the Person and Mission of Jesus Christ

*“Now as Jesus passed by,
He saw a man who was blind from birth.”*

- Jesus does this mighty work in such a way as to contradict the man-made laws of the Pharisees.

- A dramatic, staggering miracle! - People can’t believe this is the same man! (8-9)

- As Jesus performs this wonderful work, another *greater* work has begun in this man’s heart!

A Greater Work Is Done

1. The Work Set In Motion: The Attack of Unbelief and the Triumph of Faith

vv. 13-34

(1) Interview # 1: Preliminary Investigation (13-17) *“This man is not from God, because
He does not keep the Sabbath.”*

- Entirely ignoring or seeking to suppress the great work Jesus had done!

- The goal: To somehow *negate* what has happened

(2) Interview # 2: With the Parents [a deposition] (18-23)

*“Is this your son, who you say was born blind?
How then does he now see?”*

- The Pharisees: *not* seeking after truth!

- The Parents: dominated by the fear of man

(3) Interview # 3: “De-briefing” the Man (24-34) *“Give God the glory!
We know that this man is a sinner.”*

-1- The “party line”: “Praise God!...but *leave this Jesus out of it!*”

-2- Unbelief must resort to ever greater pressure and dishonesty.

-3- The simplicity and resilience of true faith:

*It sees very clearly!

*It is possessed of a very simple, irrefutable wisdom.

*Even when attacked, it grows!

-4- The hardening of unbelief: When all else fails:

*Resort to lawless personal attacks!

*Excommunicate the believer!

2. The Work Brought to Completion 35-41

*“Then he said, ‘Lord, I believe!’
And he worshiped Him.”*

(1) Christ has called this one out of the ‘old fold’ of Old Covenant Judaism.

(2) Only those who confess their spiritual blindness will come to Christ for salvation!

Further Application: