

THE SEEING BLIND AND THE BLINDED SEEING

John 9:35-41

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INTRODUCTION: INCIDENTAL JUDGMENT

Be tolerant is the greatest American commandment and the second is like it, Don't judge lest ye be judged.

? What did Jesus mean by saying that He came to the world to judge it?

? How does this line up with John 3:17 and John 12:47 where we read, "I did not come to judge, but to save?"

Proposition: Jesus came so that all who believe in Him are saved, but all who reject Him are judged by their very rejection.

? In John 9, what exactly is Jesus judging?

I. THE PROGRESSION OF SAVING FAITH

John 9 is a picture of how someone comes to faith in Christ.

A. HELPLESSNESS/HUMILITY

? How is helplessness portrayed in John 9?

1. The Man Born Blind

2. A Picture of the Man Born Sinful

Jesus put it like this in the Matthew 5.

- a. Blessed are the poor in spirit...
- b. Blessed are those who mourn...
- c. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...

Proverbs 18:12 (HCSB)

Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.

Point: True humility is a prerequisite to true faith.

B. HEALING/FAITH

1. Physical Healing

2. Spiritual Healing

Point: True humility always results in true faith.

C. HUMBLE HALLELUJAHS (WORSHIP)

The helpless humble dependent man who trusts in Jesus understands just how amazing grace is.

Luke 7:40-50

Point: True faith always results in true worship.

Transition: Jesus as the judge.

I came to judge between two sets of people.

Mark 2:17

And hearing *this*, Jesus *said to them, "*It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.*"

II. THE MIRE OF CONDEMNING UNBELIEF

A. INSINCERE INTERROGATIVES

1. You Have The Old Testament

John 5:39, 40

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

2. You Have Seen The Christ

Point: The self-reliant never experience true faith.

B. INTENTIONAL IGNORANCE

Matthew 6:22, 23

The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

Numbers 14:22

John 12:44-48

Point: False faith results in true blindness.

C. INDWELLING INIQUITY

John 15:22-24

Point: True blindness results in continued sin and separation from God.

CONCLUSION: THE DEADLY DANGER OF DISMISSING JESUS

You have two different types of men in John 9.

One is helpless, but in his helplessness, he depends on Jesus and reaps the reward of a glorious end.

The other is self-reliant and in his self-reliance is left without help and healing. He remains in his sins.