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Reading: John 9v1-17,v24-41

In this chapter the Lord Jesus is passing by, just outside the temple. He had to leave the temple as the Jews wanted to stone Him. Our Lord sees this man who was blind as He passes by and wasn't too preoccupied with His own situation to stop.

The question was asked who had sinned him or his parents. He was born blind – you can't miss what you never had. He had no idea what it was like to see. Difficult to explain to someone like that what they are missing.

This is like sin – we are sinners from birth. In a sense we are blind in that we are blind to the fact there is a God and He displays great love towards us.

The Saviour answers the question with the reply that God had ordained that this would be in the right place at the right time that God could do a good work in his life.

Each christian is aware that God worked a great work in their life, through the grace of God.

There was a limited time of service in the Lord's life. He had to work in the season God gave Him before He finished His work at Calvary.

Today is the day of salvation. Do not neglect it, God's offer of mercy is not forever.

“[As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world](#)”. His light showed up man's failure. They rejected it and would not have it. God is seeking you and shining in the light of salvation. Do not ignore the call of God.

We have a body which God made of clay. From the clay we came and we will return. The Lord was able to meet this man's need. He anointed his eyes and sent Him to wash in Siloam. The Saviour gave specific instructions for him if he wanted the blessing of receiving his sight.

In the Old Testament, Naaman was given special instructions.

The way to heaven is explicit. The way to heaven is through Him, through accepting He took your punishment, that your sins were placed upon Him in your stead.

The man received the word and was made whole. Tonight the Saviour would like to make you whole. We know we are sinners “[shapen in iniquity](#)” (Psa 51:5). We need to be made anew, be born from above and receive everlasting life as a gift from Jesus Christ.

It was simple obedience that healed Him and gave Him the blessing. It is simple obedience and faith in Christ that will bring salvation.

If you become a christian you will become a new creation. Salvation had changed this man and the neighbours thought it was a different person but the man was able to bear testimony to what the Lord had done for him. He knew he had been changed. He recounted His story to the people.

Salvation is that simple. It is not a slow process. Salvation is sudden, you pass from death to life and it cannot be changed or undone.

The Pharisees (self righteous religious people) could only find fault that Jesus had healed on the sabbath. No amount of religion can save you, you need Christ as Saviour.

They ask him again, the man becomes bolder and asks if they too would become His disciples.

If you trust the Lord your christian life will not be plain sailing. This man could have accepted the blessing and not said a thing but he glorified the Lord and bore testimony to what happened and ended up cast out. However the Lord came to him and revealed to him that He was the Son of God. He received this blessing. This man by faith was able to accept, believe and worship the Lord.

Imagine how amazing it was for one of the first things he had ever seen was the Saviour's face.

Are you trusting in Him for eternity? Are you believing in the Son of God?

Tonight you can receive everlasting life by accepting the Lord's words on the cross.

He leaves us with a warning for those who think they are alright.

Those who know they are sinners and come to Him will be saved but those who think they are alright and don't need Him will remain in sin without the Lord. If you reject Him and die without Him there is a certain judgment.