

Are You Blind ?

There was a common belief among the Jews, and it was widely taught that God punished people for their sin. And that punishment came in the form of sickness or disease. Many Jewish people believed that if someone was born with a handicap, then someone in the family must have sinned, either you or one of your parents did. The Midrash is a book of traditions where the rabbis tried to elaborate, says that a married man should not look at a woman, and even if he looks down at her heel, there's a chance that his children could be born retarded.

The Purpose of the Light

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The Disciples saw in the blind man a theological debate, and Jesus saw in the blind man someone in whom the work of God could be made known. God's people, instead of judging the world, would see the world and its people as a place in which the work of God can be done. Today, by the healing of the blind man, we will learn that

Jesus is God's answer to man's darkness. This sightless beggar represents all people outside of Christ that means 'we are spiritually blind.'

God can take our worse situation and work in and through it for our good and His glory! When God works, we need to see the power of God and praise Him. He takes clay and makes a mud plaster. It seems that this procedure would complicate matters. Why does Jesus choose to work in this way? Why did Jesus send Him to pool to wash? At other times, Jesus spoke and cured blindness.

a) The Scriptural Background

In John 8 Jesus identifies Himself as the "light of the world" (John 8:12). He tells us that He (the light) originated in heaven (John 8:23). Finally, He proclaims the coming of the light to this dark world (John 8: 26, 29, 42) and (John 9:4).

b) The Symbolic Bathing:

Now the pool of Siloam was built by King Hezekiah 700 years earlier. It had the purest and best tasting water in the whole city of Jerusalem. But that's

not why Jesus sent him there. He sent him there because he wanted to know "Will this man obey my exact instructions? Is he teachable? Is he open to the leading of the Spirit of God in His life? Will he do what I tell him to do even if it sounds farfetched?"

Jesus said you go wash in the pool, which is called Siloam. Siloam means "to be sent." Jesus is saying, "He who sent me has sent you." This clay represents our humanity. The pool is a picture of Jesus Christ. This man washing is a picture of our spiritual blindness. He went his way and washed, and came seeing. The word Sent also means being set at liberty. That is why Jesus came, to set us free.

Believing is seeing. If you believe in Christ, your spiritual sight will improve. But if you reject Christ, your spiritual sight will get worse. Look at what happens to the Pharisees. Look at how sad this is. In verse 39, Jesus says "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

c) Jesus Christ is:

- * a compassionate healer, who gives relief from suffering because of His great love and mercy;
- * a powerful healer; who has the ability to eradicate every disease, heal every wound, eliminate every physical ailment;

We have learned - Jesus is God's answer to all of man's needs:

- *He changed the water to wine to teach us about joy the Lord gives.
- * In the healing the nobleman's son we learned that Jesus is God's answer to man's doubt.
- *Through the healing the invalid at the pool, we discovered that Jesus is God's answer to man's disability.
- * In the feeding of the 5000, we came to see Jesus as God's answer to man's desire.
- *When Jesus walked on the water to the disciples in the storm, Jesus showed us that He is God's answer to man's despair.

- Pastor Shalom Samuel



Search the Missing Word

Parables of the Lord (NKJV)

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Example: BULIDING ON ROCK AND S _ _ _ - *Matthew 7:24, Luke 6:47*

The answer is SAND

Try to find the last word of the following parables:

THE SOWER AND THE S _ _ _ _ _ - *Matthew 13:3, Mark 4:1, Luke 8:4*

THE MUSTARD S _ _ _ _ - *Matthew 13:31, Mark 4:30, Luke 13:18*

THE PRICLESS P _ _ _ _ _ - *Matthew 13:45*

THE UNMERCIFUL S _ _ _ _ _ _ _ - *Matthew 18:23*

THE WORKERS IN THE V _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ - *Matthew 20:1*

THE TEN WEDDING G _ _ _ _ _ _ - *Matthew 25:1*

THE SEED GROWING S _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ - *Mark 4:26*

THE GOOD S _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ - *Luke 10:35*

THE GREAT B _ _ _ _ _ _ _ - *Luke 14:16*

THE RICH MAN AND L _ _ _ _ _ _ _ - *Luke 16:19*

CENTRE OF ATTRACTION

When Leonardo de Vinci was forty-three years old, the Duke Ludovico of Milan asked him to paint the dramatic scene of Jesus' last supper with his disciples.

Working slowly and giving meticulous care to details, he spent three years on the assignment. He grouped the disciples into threes, two groups on either side of the central figure of Christ.

Christ's arms are outstretched. In his right hand, he holds a cup that was painted beautifully with marvelous realism. When the masterpiece was finished, the artist said to a friend, "Observe it and give me your opinion of it."

"It's wonderful!" exclaimed the friend, "the cup is so real I cannot divert my eyes from it."

Immediately Leonardo took a brush and drew it across the sparkling cup! As he did he exclaimed, "Nothing shall detract from the figure of Christ!"

I Worship You

*I was lost, You came and found me
Left Your throne thinking about me
You bled and died, To show me mercy
You gave Your all, Because You saw my need
I was empty, You came and filled me
I was blinded, You helped me to see
I was broken, You made me whole again
I felt like nothing, But You gave me confidence
And I'm filled with so much gratitude that words
are not enough, To explain the magnitude the
passion of my heart
You took everything I was, Made me what I am
And with all I am, I worship You*

When a person is given a mandate by someone in a position of authority, he can only comply or refuse, obey or disobey, submit or rebel. Therefore, the only alternative to soul

Jn 20 - 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Jesus was addressing his disciples and that means us. We are called to be his disciples.

This is one of the most important statements by Our Lord. It tell us that whatever was required of Jesus in His coming to the Earth, is also required of us.

"... as my Father has sent me, I also send you" - what does that mean?

1. Under similar mandate:

Christ was sent to the world by His Father see 1 Jn 4:14; Gal 4:4; Jn 3:17.

Jesus Christ was under the mandate of the Father. Mandata means: An authoritative command; an authorisation to act given to a representative. It was mandatory for Him to come. The Father sent Him. Jesus was constantly aware of the His task (Jn 4:34). Just as the Father sent the Son into the world, so Christ sends us - read (Mk 16:15).

This commission was not given to an institution but to individuals. It is every believer's responsibility to win souls. No Church will stand at the judgement seat of Christ and be rewarded for soul winning. That reward goes to individuals. In Ps 126:6, 'he' is not 'the church. In Dan 12:3 - 'they' not 'the church. So soul winning is an individual, personal responsibility. Every believer is under mandate to win souls. Soul winning is not a matter of personal choice but of divine command. It is mandatory.

When a person is given a mandate by someone in a position of authority, he can only comply or refuse, obey or disobey, submit or rebel. Therefore, the only alternative to soul winning is disobedience to Christ.

Our mandate is clear: "Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature". The question is, Are we going to be obedient to our mandate as Christ was obedient to His? Or will we ignore it and let people die and go to Hell and never hear the Gospel?

I'm one and only one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do; and what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do.

Every one of us can do something.

2. In the same manner

How did Jesus come into this world? Phil 2:7 - He took on human flesh.

Christ had to come as a human being in order to make contact with humanity. He did not fulfil His mission from afar. He came down to where we were.

Thousands of people are waiting for somebody to bring to them the simple message of salvation. We think let people come to church (may be last Fridays) and hear the gospel.

We must change our attitude (mind set) about soul winning, and we must put more emphasis on to reaching out to sinners and winning them to Christ. We are not to preach the Gospel AT the people but TO the people. It is not enough to stand on the shore and shout instructions to the drowning man. We must go in after him!

A young preacher walked into a smoke-filled bar in Florida. Going up to the meanest looking guy he could find, he asked, "Do you think a Christian ain't got no guts?"

The rough / tough looking guy looked down and said, "No."

The young Christian looked up and said, "Well, I'm a Christian, and I've got more guts than you have."

The guy said, "Yeah? Is that so? Prove it!" (loud juke box in the room)

The Christian said, "If you've got the guts to unplug that juke box, I've got the guts to climb up on that pool table and preach a sermon."

The big man paused a few seconds, then he walked over and unplugged the juke box which had been playing very loudly. When it stopped playing, people began to look around to see what had happened.

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BOB? ... I NEVER KNEW YOU WERE A CHRISTIAN

2) In the meantime, the young fellow climbed up on the pool table, opened his Bible to John 3:16, and began to preach. Some of the men in the bar became angry and began to curse. "What's going on here? Who unplugged that juke box?"

By this time the rough looking man was kind of proud of himself. So standing up straight he said, "I unplugged it! And that man on the pool table is going to preach a sermon!" Nobody argued with him and the young man preached his sermon and gave an invitation.

"As my Father has sent me, even so I send you" means, "In the Same Manner".

Today the emphasis is on the gathered church, but in the New Testament it was on the scattered church. Acts 8:4

We must go where the sinners are: in our offices, at parties, in the bus, in the camps and every place we can. We need to change our Welcome mat to a We'll go mat.

As my Father has sent me, even so I send you" means

3. For the same mission

In the broad sense, threefold

i) He came to reveal God - Jn 14:9; Jn 1:18

In some measure every believer should reveal Christ.

It seems when missionary A. Judson came back from mission work, he was met by reporters who said, "Mr. Judson they are writing you up as another Apostle Paul."

Judson replied, "I didn't want to be like Paul. I wanted to be like Jesus."

It is our mission to reveal Christ, to be as much like Him as we possible can be.

ii) But Christ came not only to reveal God; He came also to seek and to save the lost - Lk 19:10

In the Bible we find that Jesus spent time to win people over one at a time. In Jn 4 he goes out of His way by the well of Samaria to save one fallen woman to salvation.

He stopped under a tree, called the tax collector Zacchaeus down and said, "Today I must stay at your house." He came to redeem men.

Our mission in the world is the same. Soul winning should be the business of every believer. We are left here for one purpose - to win men to Christ.

iii) He came to reveal God. He came to redeem man. But he also came to rear the church Mt 28:19

We are not only to teach them but also baptize them. Then teach them how to win other and get them baptized. This was we start a chain reaction...

That how you must have heard the Gospel and been saved. Passed on from one person to another and so on.

Now the question is, Did the message stop with us, or did we pass it on?

What happened to the Gospel when it came to you? Have you told anybody else about it? Have you won anyone to Christ?

"As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" means

4. With the same message

As my Father send me into the world with a message, so send I you into the world with the same message.

The message is simple.

It never changes.

Men are sinners. They owe a sin debt.

Jesus died on the cross to pay the sin debt in full. **4**

Men must believe that Jesus died and trust Him as Saviour

We try to change or complicate it. Jn 3:16

Charles Spurgeon once said, "I don't want to be famous for anything except preaching the old Gospel." Why?..... Because it saves.

When Jesus preached a message, it was always simple. No one had to carry a dictionary when he went to hear Jesus preach. Good preaching is not complicating a simple matter, but it is simplifying a complicated matter.

When Nicodemus asked how to be born again, Jesus said very simply Jn 3:14, 15

Nicodemus, you are saved by trusting Me, by relying on Me for your salvation

"As My Father has sent Me, even so I send you" means

5. By the same motive

The final test by which all service will be judged is motive - Co 13:3

Jesus was compelled not by external pressures of any kind when He came to this earth. He was motivated by love. Mt 9:36

He was also motivated by joy - Heb 12:2

When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He was thinking about the joy that was set before Him. When they plucked His beard, He was thinking about the joy that was set before Him. When they scourged Him and stripped Him, He was thinking about the joy that was set before Him. That was the joy of sinner coming to Him, the joy of sinners being saved.

Ps 126:5-6

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- James Newton

A Pastor was planning a wedding at the close of the Sunday morning service. After the benediction he had planned to call the couple down to be married for a brief ceremony before the congregation.

For the life of him, he couldn't think of the names of those who were to be married. "Will those wanting to get married please come to the front?" he requested.

Immediately, nine single ladies, three widows, four widowers, and six single men stepped to the front.

There was a preacher that was trying out for a church. He always used notes when he preached but he wanted to really impress the congregation with his knowledge of the word, so he taped his notes to the inside of his suit jacket.

He began preaching, he said, "Brothers and sisters the first man in the bible's name was, he pulled open his jacket and said, Adam." He began to preach on Adam for awhile. He went to another point and said, "Brothers and sisters the name of the man who built the arks name was, he pulled open his jacket and said, Noah." He preached on Noah for awhile.

About this time, he had been preaching with so vigorously and did not notice that the notes he had taped to his jacket had fallen to the floor. He said to the congregation, "Brothers and sisters the man who the bible says was after God's own heart was, he pulled open he jacket and said, "Raymonds!"

The preacher was shaking hands with the members of his congregation after a service when one man approached him and said, "That was a wonderful sermon today, pastor!" Filled with christian modesty, the preacher replied, "Oh, it wasn't me, it was God." To which the reply came, "It wasn't that good."

One Catholic priest likes to tell of a time when he'd said "I think there is something wrong with my mike". Well he was right, the mike was not on so the congregation had not heard him but assumed he'd said his usual "May Christ's peace be with you". The congregation gave its typical response of "And also with you."

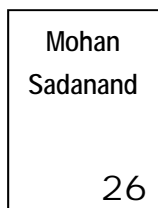
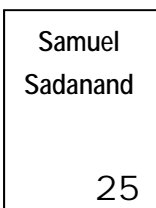
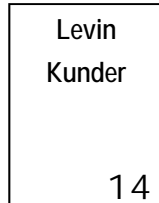
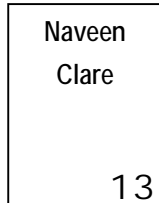
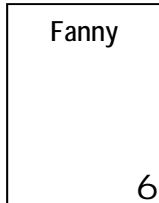
Special events in February

- **Ruth-WF @ 7pm On Saturday, 6th February**
- **Prayer Time – with Pastor, Elders and Deacons @ 7pm On Saturday, 13th February**
- **Kannada Bible Study @7pm on 20th February**
- **26th Feb. Friday 9:00 – 4:00pm 'Adult Retreat'**
- **26th February 'Day of Dedication' Special anointing Service — Hall of Hope @ 6pm**



BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

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Special Guests :

KC, Kuwait was blessed with the visits of Br. Anooft Farif from the Pakistani congregation in Sharjah and Sr. Grace from the

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Pastor Samuel Shalom— 9992 9529

Samuel Prakash— 9985 8291

James Newton—6621 3640

Maxwell Francis—2565 8207

Tuesday Fellowship:

- 2 Feb. Margaret Kunder , Fahaheel**
9 Feb. Raju George, Hawalli
16 Feb. Leslie Bhagyan, Salmiya
23 Feb. Philip Ebenezer, Farwaniya

Baptism

Preetham Sanil was water baptized on the 22nd of January at the Neck Compound.

We pray that the exciting journey that Preetham has begun will truly be a blessing to him, his family and every person who comes across him. May he grow in Christ-likeness and in the knowledge of God.

Wedding Anniversaries ...

6 Feb- Mr & Mrs. David Soans

8 Feb- Mr & Mrs. Kumar Salins

17 Feb - Mr & Mrs. Naveen Clare

He Took My Place

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. - John 15:13. (KJV).

According to Doug Batchelor in his book, Broken Chains, "There's a story about two Filipino brothers, identical twins, who lived in Manila and made their living by driving jeepneys, Filipino taxis. Though they were twins and had similar jobs, they lived very different lives. One was married and had children; the other was single. Then one day, the married brother accidentally struck and killed a tourist with his taxi. Accused of reckless driving, the twin was sentenced to twenty years in the notorious Manila prison—a devastating fate that would leave his wife and children without an income.

"One day, his twin came to visit him in prison. He said, 'Brother, your family desperately needs you. Put on my clothes and take my visitor's pass and I will put on your prison uniform and serve the rest of your sentence. Go to your family.' So, while the guards were not looking, the twins exchanged clothes, and the married brother walked out of the prison unchallenged. Do you think the twin who was freed could ever stop thinking about the sacrifice that his brother made in trading places with him?"

Though having limitations it is still a powerful illustration of what Jesus Christ did for you and me 2,000 years ago when he exchanged places with you and me and died in our place on the cross of Calvary. He did this out of his great love for us to pay the penalty for all of our sins, so we could be freely forgiven by God and receive his gift of eternal life in Heaven to be with him forever.

If you have never thanked Jesus for dying in your place to pay the penalty for your sins and accepted God's gift of forgiveness and eternal life, We urge you to do this today.

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