John's Gospel—41 March 4, 2018 AM

GIVING SIGHT TO THE BLIND (John 9:1-12)

- I. The PROBLEM (John 9:1)
 - A. This happened "as He PASSED BY"
 - B. The man was BLIND from BIRTH
- II. The PURPOSE (John 9:2-5)
 - A. The disciples asked whose SIN had CAUSED the man's blindness
 - 1. Judgment for his PARENTS' sin before his BIRTH?
 - 2. Judgment for his OWN sin before his BIRTH?
 - B. Jesus said, "NEITHER"
 - 1. Not all SUFFERING is PUNISHMENT
 - 2. It was to DISPLAY the works of GOD
 - C. Jesus indicates URGENCY
 - 1. The miraculous WORKS are GOD'S
 - 2. They are manifested "AS LONG AS it is day"
 - 3. NIGHT is approaching "when NO ONE can work"
 - 4. "As long as I am IN the world, I AM the LIGHT of the world"
- III. The POWER (John 9:6-7)
 - A. Jesus applied CLAY to the man's EYES

- B. Jesus told him WASH in the pool of Siloam
 - 1. From which the High Priest drew water for the Feast of BOOTHS
 - 2. The pool's name means "SENT"
- C. "He went away and WASHED, and came back SEEING"
- IV. The PERPLEXITY (John 9:8-12)
 - A. They asked, "Isn't this the one who USED TO sit and beg?"
 - 1. Some said, "YES, it is HE"
 - 2. Others said, "NO, he just LOOKS LIKE HIM"
 - 3. He KEPT SAYING, "I am the one!"
 - B. They asked, "How then were your EYES OPENED?"
 - 1. He explained what "this MAN called Jesus" had DONE
 - 2. He explained he'd done as told and could SEE
 - C. He admitted he DIDN'T KNOW where Jesus went