

SPIRITUAL SIGHT OR SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS?
(John 9:35-41)

I. Spiritual SIGHT (John 9:35-38)

A. Spiritual sight REQUIRES Divine INITIATIVE (9:35)

1. Sinners CANNOT seek God on THEIR OWN
2. Jesus asked him if HE personally BELIEVED

B. Spiritual sight RESPONDS in FAITH (9:36)

1. His heart was PREPARED to believe
2. He needed to know IN WHOM he must BELIEVE

C. Spiritual sight RECOGNIZES the LORD (9:37-38a)

1. Jesus identified HIMSELF as One in whom he must BELIEVE
2. The man said, "LORD, I BELIEVE"

D. Spiritual sight RESULTS in WORSHIP (9:38b)

1. It is the INEVITABLE result of receiving spiritual SIGHT
2. One who does not WORSHIP Christ does not KNOW Him

II. Spiritual BLINDNESS (John 9:39-41)

A. Spiritual blindness RECEIVES JUDGMENT (9:39)

1. Those who confess they are BLIND will be enabled to SEE
2. Those who profess to SEE will remain BLIND

- B. Spiritual blindness REFUSES to admit its CONDITION (9:40)
 - 1. Their BIGGEST problem is not that they are BLIND
 - 2. Their true plight is that they BELIEVE they can SEE
- C. Spiritual blindness REJECTS spiritual SIGHT (9:41a)
 - 1. Being spiritually blind does not ABSOLVE them of RESPONSIBILITY
 - 2. Their sin could be FORGIVEN if they admit their NEED
- D. Spiritual blindness RESULTS in DOOM (9:41b)
 - 1. Defining their condition as “SEEING” they remain CULPABLE
 - 2. Jesus’ statement “your sin remains” carries a note of FINALITY