

CHAPTER 9

AND as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 *Jesus* answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 ¶ The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen

him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: *but* he said, I am *he*.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called *Jesus* made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.

13 ¶ They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.

14 And it was the sabbath day when *Jesus* made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.

16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man

that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.

19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

22 These *words* spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto

him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner *or no*, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.

26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?

27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear *it* again? will ye also be his disciples?

28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.

29 We know that God spake unto Moses: *as for this fellow*, we know not from whence he is.

30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvelous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and *yet* he hath opened mine eyes.

31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.

33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.

34 They answered and said unto

him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35. Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

39 ¶ And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

40 And *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

CHAPTER 10

VERILY, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.

4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

6 This parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd: the

good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

19 ¶ There was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings.

20 And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad; why hear ye him?

21 Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?

22 ¶ And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

24 Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.

26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

30 I and *my* Father are one.

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest;

because I said, I am the Son of God?

37 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not.

38 But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father *is* in me, and I in him.

39. Therefore they sought again to take him: but he escaped out of their hand,

40 And went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there he abode.

41 And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man were true.

42 And many believed on him there.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

Chapter 9 records the healing of the blind man, which is the sixth of the seven special miracles recorded in John's Gospel as witnesses to the deity of Christ. The first three show how a person is saved—through the Word (water to wine); by faith (nobleman's son); and by grace (important man). The last three show the results of salvation—peace (stilling the storm); light (healing the blind man); and life (raising Lazarus). The feeding of the 5,000 shows that the Gospel is given to a world as men cooperate with Christ.

The blind man is a picture of the lost sinner. The sinner is blind, a poor beggar seeking for something to satisfy. As Jesus came to the blind man, He came to him in grace. He could have passed him by, for it was the Sabbath and according to the Law, He was supposed to rest. While the disciples argued about the cause of the blindness, Jesus did something for the

man! What a picture of some Christians and preachers today who major on the minors, while saying very little about the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Satan has many Christians quibbling over little things, while spending very little time in real Bible study and prayer. Satan's work against Christians is to have them major on insignificant matters, without the power of God upon their lives.

In chapter 10 Jesus is presented as the Shepherd. He is contrasted with the thieves and robbers who would kill and destroy the sheep. We see Him as the great Protector and Saviour of the sheep. People who have been born-again are often referred to as sheep by the Lord. In verse 14 Jesus said He was the Good Shepherd and knew His sheep and was known of His. What a tremendous verse! We who are born-again and know Christ as our Saviour are known of Him. In verse 15 we are told that Jesus lays down His life for us who are His sheep. We see the power of our Good

Shepherd in verse 18, when Jesus says that no man can take His life from Him, but He and He only has the power to lay down His life or to take it up again.

Finally, let us notice the security of the sheep who are in the fold of Jesus. He says that He gives unto us eternal life, and we shall never perish. What a wonderful assurance of God's saving and keeping power. He said no man could pluck them out of His hand because the heavenly Father gave them to Him and He is greater than all. This is a wonderful verse, the security of the believer. I thank God that He not only saves, but He keeps us saved. I Peter 1:5 says we are kept by the power of God. God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son to provide salvation and then, through the power of His mighty hand, keeps us secure from the fall.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise" (Proverbs 12:15).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 36: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 8.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1860

THE BIRTHDAY OF PADEREWSKI.

Perhaps we should pause and thank God for music. Perhaps none of us realizes the tremendous effect it has upon our lives. Sometime while driving down the highway, turn on some march music, then some slow music and notice how the speed of the car is determined by the music. Let us thank God for pianos, organs, violins, bands, orchestras, soloists, instrumentalists, etc. Maybe we should thank God today for our church pianist, organist, song leaders, etc.

1935

THE DEATH OF BILLY SUNDAY.

Since this is the week of the death of Billy Sunday, we are spending some time dwelling on him; let us share this experience from his life. "Ma" Sunday told this story one day at the lunch table. She said that Billy only got four hours sleep a night for 25 years and that the power of God was definitely upon him. She said that every time Billy preached he had his Bible open to Isaiah 61:1,2 regardless of the text for the message. The Holy Spirit then being upon him was never more evident than in this little story that "Ma" told. Read and study Isaiah 61:1,2 today.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1746

Absalom Jones, major leader of Black Pioneer period, born in slavery in Sussex, Delaware.

1860

Abraham Lincoln elected president.

1868

Jonathan Gibbs, minister and educator, appointed secretary of state by the Florida governor.

1888

Republican Benjamin Harrison elected president.

Sixty-nine blacks reported lynched in 1888.

1900

Republican William McKinley defeated William Bryan in presidential elections.

One hundred and six blacks reported lynched in 1900.

James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosamond Johnson composed "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

1906

President Roosevelt ordered discharge of three companies of Twenty-fifth Regiment for alleged involvement in the Brownsville Raid.

Sixty-two blacks reported lynched in 1906.

1920

James Weldon Johnson became the first black executive secretary of the NAACP.

Fifty-three blacks reported lynched in 1920.

Spingarn Medal awarded to W.E.B. Du Bois for "the founding and calling of the Pan African Congress."

1928

Oscar DePriest elected to Seventy-first Congress from Illinois' First Congressional District (Chicago). He was the first black congressman from the North and the first black in Congress since the departure of George H. White in 1901.

Atlanta Daily World founded by W.A. Scott Jr. The

newspaper became a daily in 1933.

Spingarn Medal presented to Charles W. Chestnutt, the first black to receive widespread critical recognition as a novelist. He was cited for his “pioneer work as a literary artist depicting the life and struggle of Americans of Negro descent.”

1962

Edward W. Brooke elected attorney general of Massachusetts.

Gerald Lamb elected treasurer of Connecticut.

Otis M. Smith elected to a full term on the Michigan Supreme Court.

Five blacks, including one newcomer, were elected to the House of Representatives. The newcomer, Augustus F. Hawkins, was elected from Los Angeles and became the first black congressman from the West.

1973

Coleman Young elected mayor of Detroit.

Marcus A. Foster, superintendent of schools in Oakland, Calif., killed in ambush after Board of Education meeting. Two members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, a West Coast terrorist group, were convicted of the slaying, but the conviction of one of the men was overturned on a legal technicality.

Spingarn Medal presented to Wilson C. Riles, superintendent of public instruction, California, “in recognition of the stature he has attained as a national leader in the field of education.”

1976

Benjamin Hooks, Federal Communications Commission member, named to succeed Roy Wilkins as executive director of the NAACP.

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.

C. THE ERROR THAT GOD IS TOO KIND TO DAMN ANYONE

(Assignment 36)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

() Psalms 9:17

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

() II Thessalonians 1:7

And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

() II Thessalonians 1:8

In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

() II Thessalonians 1:9

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

() Revelation 20:10

And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.