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THE DOOR OF FAITH
FAITH 104: SESSION EIGHT

A MAN BORN BLIND

Acts 14:27

(27) And when they (the Jewish believers) were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened **the door of faith** unto the Gentiles.

Acts 10:34-35

(34) Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that **God is no respecter of persons:** (35) But in **every nation** he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, **is accepted with him.**

Our case of *the Door of Faith* deals with a man that the Bible refers to as being born blind. He was blind from his birth. The disciples wanted to know why was he born blind and who is responsible for this man's birth defect?

John 9:1-3

(1) 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.

WHY WAS THIS MAN BORN BLIND?

Did God Predestined Him To Be Blind?

Many Christians have concluded that the cause of this man's blindness was directly related to God having a need to manifest His works in the earth. In essence this would mean that God made this man blind in order to set Jesus up with a miracle so that people could see and believe. This, of course, is not true.

- It would be unloving of God to inflict such a condition on an innocent human being for the purpose of using him as an illustration of His power.
- God does not need to inflict any element of the curse on anyone **for the purpose of proving His ability to heal someone.** Jesus was sent to redeem us from the curse.
- There is enough effect of the curse already existing in the earth, than for God to require the making of someone blind **for the purpose of healing someone blind.**
 - Matthew 9:27-30, Matthew 11:5, Matthew 12:22, Matthew 15:30, Matthew 20: 30-34, Matthew 21:14...

QUESTION: Is it somehow a bigger or better miracle if someone has been healed from blindness that originated at birth as opposed to blindness that occurred a year ago, a month ago, or even a day ago?

Did He Sin?

This question is irrelevant. If he was born blind, how could he have sinned to cause blindness at his own birth?

- However, a perpetual lifestyle of sin will eventually cause you to end up receiving from the side of the curse as opposed to the blessing.
- Disobedience is the path that leads to the curse and the wrath of God.

There are examples of this happening, especially when there is demonic opposition to the **Work of God** in the earth (Acts 13:1-12, 2 Kings 6: 15-20, and Acts 9:1-11, 17-18)

- Notice that in each of these cases the blindness occurred as a result of demonic opposition against the way of God.
- In addition, each case of blindness was temporary until the demonic force ceased activity – the vessel (man or people) having sight restored and being persuaded of the power of God.

Did His Parents Sin?

Jesus said “no” to this question. In answering the question, Jesus indicates that this is the wrong question altogether. It is clear that the curse, as a result of sin in the earth, is responsible for this man’s condition of blindness. But as Jesus reversed the curse everywhere He went, we too are called to do the same Works and Jesus, “Greater Works” are we to do.

- This is the case with all such birth defects (sickness, disease of all sort)
- God sent Jesus (thus we are sent) into the earth to heal all sickness and disease, including those that man has no cure for.

Matthew 15:29-31

(29) And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there. (30) And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; AND HE HEALED THEM: (31) Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

Luke 6:17-19

(17) And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; (18) And

they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. (19) And the whole multitude sought to touch him: for there went virtue out of him, AND HEALED THEM ALL.

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John 9:3-7

(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.

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- Jesus emphasized that the question of “why?” was the wrong question. The question of “what next?” is the right question.
- Whenever we see the manifestation of the curse prevalent in the life of others; our responsibility is to work the Work of God so that “*God should be made manifest*” instead of the works of the enemy being made manifest.
- We do not have time to theologically debate how or why this thing has happened. You’ll eventually reason that God did it. That’s the ultimate goal of the enemy.
- If you believe God did it, you’ll never be able to believe God for deliverance in that area of life.

John 9:8-11

(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.

- A faith exploit will become the talk of the town. Some will give God glory and some will discredit what God is doing
- Believers are added to the church when the people of God began practicing faith
- However, the truth cannot be denied when the one to whom the exploit is done began to testify at the Work of God's hand in their life.

John 9:24-25

(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.

- There will be pressure to undermine the miraculous Work of God in the earth.
- Even religion will try and theologically explain it away, but there is no way to deny an outright miracle of faith.
- Religious rhetoric cannot stand up against an exploit of faith.

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