

"FOR JUDGMENT I HAVE COME INTO THIS WORLD, THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE MAY SEE, AND THAT THOSE WHO SEE MAY BE MADE BLIND." – JOHN 9:39

SEEING GOD THROUGH THE EYES OF A BLIND MAN

- What are the differences between the Pharisees' and the blind man's response to the Lord Jesus?
- How we perceive God will determine our response to Him

THE PHARISEES

- JN. 8:4-5 "TEACHER, THIS WOMAN WAS CAUGHT IN ADULTERY, IN THE VERY ACT. NOW MOSES, IN THE LAW, COMMANDED US THAT SUCH SHOULD BE STONED. BUT WHAT DO YOU SAY?"
- MATT. 12:10 "AND BEHOLD, THERE WAS A MAN WHO HAD A WITHERED HAND. AND THEY ASKED HIM, SAYING, 'IS IT LAWFUL TO HEAL ON THE SABBATH?'—THAT THEY MIGHT ACCUSE HIM."



THE PHARISEES

- MATT. 23:27-28 "WOE TO YOU, SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES! FOR YOU ARE LIKE WHITEWASHED TOMBS WHICH INDEED APPEAR BEAUTIFUL OUTWARDLY, BUT INSIDE ARE FULL OF DEAD MEN'S BONES AND ALL UNCLEANNESS. EVEN SO YOU ALSO OUTWARDLY APPEAR RIGHTEOUS TO MEN, BUT INSIDE YOU ARE FULL OF HYPOCRISY AND LAWLESSNESS."
- MATT. 15:1-6 "Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? But you say, "Whoever says to his father or mother, 'Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God"— then he need not honor his father or mother. 'Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.
- MATT. 15: 12,14 "THEN HIS DISCIPLES CAME AND SAID TO HIM, "DO YOU KNOW THAT THE PHARISEES WERE OFFENDED WHEN THEY HEARD THIS SAYING?" LET THEM ALONE. THEY ARE BLIND LEADERS OF THE BLIND. AND IF THE BLIND LEADS THE BLIND, BOTH WILL FALL INTO A DITCH."

MAN BORN BLIND

- How did the man born blind see God?
- As powerful, willing, and able to give sight to a poor blind man
- WHAT DID THE MAN DO RIGHT?
 - He gave God an honest chance
 - He Obeyed
 - Jn. 9:7 "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing."
 - GEN. 22:17-18 "...BLESSING | WILL BLESS YOU, AND MULTIPLYING | WILL MULTIPLY YOUR DESCENDANTS AS THE STARS OF THE HEAVEN AND AS THE SAND WHICH IS ON THE SEASHORE; AND YOUR DESCENDANTS SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF THEIR ENEMIES. IN YOUR SEED ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED, BECAUSE YOU HAVE OBEYED MY VOICE."

HOW DOES THE LORD JESUS DESCRIBE HIMSELF?

• JN. 10:11 – "I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE GOOD SHEPHERD GIVES HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP."

