

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” John 9:1-7

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**3** Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. **4** I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the night is coming when no one can work.* **5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

**6** When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. **7** And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. John 9:1–7 (NKJV)

We are starting a new chapter today.

Most of this chapter deals with this man who was born blind.

But today I want us, as the song says, to TURN our EYES upon Jesus!

Jesus presents Himself again to us in verse :5 as the LIGHT of the world!

This chapter, as He heals and helps the blind man connects us to chapter 10, where Jesus presents Himself as

The Door and the Good Shepherd!

All of these things

Light of the world, Door and Good Shepherd, Jesus was to the man born blind

...

All of these things and MORE

Jesus still is to us!

That is why we should turn are eyes to Him. Not physical eyes, but spiritual eyes ...

Consider what He is and can be to us as we go to Him, more and more

In Prayer!

I. Consider Jesus' eyes, consider what His disciples saw in them –

**9 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” John 9:1–2 (NKJV)**

*I would like us to see (in our minds) what happened here ...*

1. Note it says, **as Jesus passed**, He is walking, He is with His disciples, more than just the 12 Apostles.
2. **He saw a man who was blind from birth.**
  - A. Meaning He noticed this man.
  - B. Meaning He looked at Him, probably with compassion.
  - C. Notice, Jesus does not say anything. If Jesus is speaking at all, He is speaking with His eyes.
3. **And His disciples...**
  - A. I believe we are seeing Jesus' disciples at their best here –
  - B. They see Jesus' eyes, they see His face, they are attentive to Him and I believe they see compassion in Jesus' eyes toward this blind man...
  - C. How the disciples are here, toward Jesus, we also should be, they knew Him, they were close to Him, they understood His ways ... this is why they ask the question about the man born blind.

II. Consider Jesus' vision, the things He could see that we really cannot –

**<sup>2</sup>And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. John 9:2–3 (NKJV)**

1. Consider the disciples' thinking, what their question tells us about what they believed:

A. Blindness is a terrible thing, especially to be blind from birth

B. They consider this dread thing must have been caused by a dreadful sin –

**<sup>39</sup> Why should a living man complain, A man for the punishment of his sins? <sup>40</sup> Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the LORD; <sup>41</sup> Let us lift our hearts and hands To God in heaven. <sup>42</sup> We have transgressed and rebelled; You have not pardoned.**

**Lamentations 3:39–42 (NKJV)**

- *Fact is, all our pains and maladies are caused by sin ...*
- *Yet what Jesus is saying here is that particular maladies are not necessarily caused by any particular sin.*

2. Jesus corrects His disciples, in a way only He could –

**<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. John 9:2–3 (NKJV)**

A. Jesus' disciples were not present when this man was born blind.

B. They did not know his man's parents or what sins they may have committed.

C. Jesus knew every detail of their lives ...

III. Consider Jesus' mission, which is now also ours –

**<sup>4</sup> I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” John 9:4–5 (NKJV)**

1. Jesus, as a Man, knew He had a limited time in this world.

2. We all have a limited amount of time in this world –

**<sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,**

**<sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Ephesians 5:15–16 (NKJV)**

3. Jesus repeats the fact that He is the Light of the world, remember John 8:12

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**<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.” John 8:12 (NKJV)**

4. The man Jesus heals here in John 9, benefits from Jesus being the LIGHT and also of His being the DOOR and GOOD SHEPHERD, chapter 10.

5. *We are also called lights if we witness for Christ –*

**<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14–16 (NKJV)**

IV. Consider Jesus’ miracle working power, and what it tells us about Who and What He is –

**<sup>6</sup> When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. <sup>7</sup> And He said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing. John 9:6–7 (NKJV)**

1. *What I believe we see here is Jesus making new eyes, or at least new eye parts for this man who is born blind.*

A. *We read in Scripture that the entirety of man’s body was made from the dust of the earth –*

**<sup>7</sup> And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. Genesis 2:7 (NKJV)**

B. *If God made man from dust His Son, also God is able to make part of man from dirt –*

2. *This is wonderful because the human eye is a wonderful part of us, extremely complex, an eye might be compared to a video camera and yet it is far more advanced:*

- *It is auto-focusing*
- *Able to auto adjust to light, increasing sensitivity to light in the dark up to 100,000 times*
- *Our eyes are self-cleaning*
- *Self-lubricating*
- *Self-repairing*
- *Automatically built in the womb*

*No camera can repair or build itself. Eyes convert light into electrochemical signals which are sent immediately / instantly to the brain. The brain processes these images, we know we are seeing a cat or a human or a building. We can tell if something is near to us or far.*

*≈To simulate 10 milliseconds of the complete processing of even a single nerve cell from the retina, would require the solution of about five-hundred simultaneous non-linear differential equations one hundred times and would take at least several minutes of processing time on a cray super computer. Keeping in mind that there are ten million or more such cells (not just one) interacting with each other in complex ways it would take a minimum of a hundred years to simulate what takes place in our eye, every second.ΔJohn K Stevens, Byte Magazine, April 1985*

3. *Now, some might say, 1985 is long time ago now, by now maybe someone has made an artificial eye ... so I looked it up ....*

A. *First, I looked on Amazon, I got a water proof Bible from them*

B. *I got some artificial eyes from Amazon, but you cannot see with them*

C. *I also looked more seriously ...*

*No working artificial eyes yet ...*

4. *Even Darwin admitted his theory would not work to make an eye -  
~To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the  
focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for  
the correction of Spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed  
by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree.Δ  
Charles Darwin*

*The human eye is infinitely more complex than an I-phone and yet if someone  
suggested that the wind and waves / time and chance could make a i-phone,  
everyone would admit how ridiculous that is...*

5. *Yet God not only makes human eyes, He has made a wonderful  
variety of eyes –*

- *Flies and dragon flies and many other insects have compound eyes,  
thousands of them.*
- *An Eagle can spot a rabbit from two miles away.*
- *Scallop eyes are especially fit for these ocean dwelling creatures, a scallop  
has 200 eyes, lining the flesh that lines it's shell. They allow the scallop to  
look more than one place at once and are now being studied because  
people believe their design might help us improve telescopes. In the pictures  
the blue dots are the scallop's eyes -*



- *Sharks that dwell in the deepest parts of the ocean have illuminated eyes,  
that go with bodies that glow in the dark, these are able to adjust their own  
eye illumination to light or non-light they have in these dark places.*

- *An earthworm does not have eyes like we do but photoreceptors all over its body so it might sense and avoid light.*
- *Predators usually have eyes on the fronts of their faces, prey animals usually on the sides so they can see the predator coming.*

*If the human eye did not evolve, all these other various eyes did not evolve either ...*

*6. Our eyes are both part of our brains and windows in our skin.*

*7. Up to this day no amount of scientific advancement has made a working eye, only Jesus has done this:*

*A. This shows us Jesus Christ is God.*

*B. This is evidence He knows about our spiritual sight as well –*

<sup>8</sup> **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Matthew 5:8 (NKJV)** Jesus makes our hearts pure; Jesus enables us to see God!

<sup>12</sup> **The hearing ear and the seeing eye, The LORD has made them both. Proverbs 20:12 (NKJV)**

*C. Praise God and depend upon Jesus for power, we pray to Him because He is able to do what we cannot.*

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