

# Wash In These Waters



The Process Of Recieving Our Sight

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*John 9 :1-7 “And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. 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, 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.”*

## We Are All Born Blind

In the Gospel of John, we find Jesus noticing a man who was blind from his birth (Jn. 9:1). The disciples assumed that this man was born blind because he or his parents had sinned. Jesus told them that this man was born blind so that the works of God could be made manifest in him. God would demonstrate His work in this man and reveal to us the process of receiving our sight.

It is important to remember that we are all born blind in our first birth. Until we receive new birth into Christ, we do not have eyes to see Jesus for the natural man receives not the things of God (I Cor. 2:14). Although all men are born blind, few are convinced of their own blindness.

Part of this great deception is the strength of our natural vision. Because the old creation is able to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we can feel as if we have incredible “light” and discernment on things. But certainly this is not the light of Life that Jesus refers to John 8:12, but the seeing that brings death according to Genesis 2:17. Where is our vision coming from? It is of the utmost importance that we consider our source. Are we starting from our beginning, our natural birth and earthly viewpoints, or are we starting at God’s beginning? If we start in the wrong place, our view will be darkened.

### **Start At God’s Beginning**

God’s beginning is in Himself. It is a place outside of our situations and above our natural viewpoints. “In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God” (Jn. 1:1). This is the true beginning of all beginnings. This is the eternal place to begin in God, the place from whence to start in all things. We may tend to begin with our own beginning and start from the day we were born. In this way we make ourselves the center and will naturally understand all things according to how they relate to and affect us. If we choose to proceed from our own earth existence and viewpoints, then we limit ourselves and walk in the darkness of our own understandings (Eph. 4:18). In John 1:15, John the Baptist made this declaration when he first saw Jesus: “This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because He existed before me.” John was looking at a beginning that existed before he did. John was beholding the Word that was with God from the beginning.

## Using Dirt To Help Us See!

Jesus took notice of the man that was born blind and went up to him. After He answered His disciple's question about why the man was born blind, Jesus said, "*I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*" Think about this, the Light of the world Himself has just walked up to this blind guy and taken note of him!

When Jesus began ministering to the blind man, He did not immediately perform a miracle, rather He put dirt mixed with his spit into this man's eyes. I know that we have all become very



familiar with this story and may no longer consider it strange that someone would spit in the dirt and stick it into someone's eyes. But this is probably not the response anyone was expecting! Why would Jesus do that? Was it just a random healing method? Did He use dirt because there were no professional eye ointments available that day? Of course not! Jesus does all things with purpose, and He did this to help show us where spiritual blindness comes from, and then teach us the steps that are necessary to truly find sight. By placing dirt in this man's eyes, Jesus was moving to help make manifest what was the true spiritual state of much of Israel. Remember, this particular man was not born blind because of sin, but to make known the works of God. In that sense this man was meant to demonstrate

Israel. There is a blindness that comes from medical causes and physical injury, but there is another kind of blindness that we are born with. The first man is of the earth, earthy and sees things according to the natural (I Cor. 15:47). His kind of blindness comes from having dirt in the eyes! Because the first man sees according to the natural, his information does not come above, but from an earthly view.

Once Jesus put the dirt in this man's eyes, his eyes were covered over with earth that was blocking his view of the Son. Even if the man's eyes were healed immediately, they still would be ineffective because they were covered over. Although Jesus was right in front of him, he could not see His face because of a blindness that came from dirt in his eyes. How many times have we not seen the Lord because of some earthly thing that was filling our eyes? Consider going to the doctor with a vision problem and having the doctor tell you that you have a bad case of "dirt in the eyes"?! You may request some medicine or ask if there is an operation that could remove the dirt! But the doctor may just smile and tell you to go wash the dirt out!!! Many times we think we need a miracle when what we really need is to wash in the waters of the Word. Jesus told the man to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. What a joy to wash that dirty, earthly view out of our eyes! Our vision comes as we wash in the pool of Siloam!

### **The Pool of Siloam**

The interpretation of the word "Siloam" is "Sent". It is important for us to meditate on this because that is the specific pool that Jesus told the blind man to wash away the

dirt in. “Sent” is referring to the One who existed before we were born. Jesus is the Word Who was in the beginning and was sent out from the very bosom of the Father (Jn. 1:1,18) We must see the Son Who the Father sent to fill all men. We must go to the heart of the Father and wash in the One He sent to be our Life! His beginning is the true beginning. He was sent from a place of relationship in the Father that existed before time. He came to make that relationship known to us and to bring us into Himself. We can find these deep waters in the bosom of the Father from whence His Son came to us. In that pool we will find our life and in that light we have God’s true viewpoint.

Jesus is the light that came from above to shine into our darkness. No one has ever seen God, but the Son. This Son Who is dearest to the Father’s heart has been sent to make Him known. This Son came to make clear to all men the relationship that He had with the Father before time. He came to manifest the beauty of that oneness in all He said and all He did. He came as a living expression of God. Not just God the Son, but also God the Father in that Son. He came not only to show us this glorious way of living, but to also bring us into the fellowship of this Divine relationship. He came that every man might believe through Him and partake of His communion with the Father. He came to bring us all into eternal life, and eternal life is found with the Father and the Son, (I John).

The Father sees and looks for His Son. In that sense you could say that the Father’s eyes are full of “Son – light”. And the Son’s heart is ever towards the Father, to do the will of Him Who sent Him. It is from this place of relationship

that blind men will find waters to wash in. It is only in the light of this relationship that we have eyes to see. We must find the place that is above this earth and before our beginning. We must find the pool of Him Who was sent from the Father's bosom and wash in those waters. We must partake of a relationship that existed before us and become washed with those living waters.

### **Wash In THESE waters!**

We can read the Scriptures until our eyes fall out, but Jesus specifically said to wash in the particular pool of Siloam. This man was to find the Word that came out from the Father's heart and apply Him. He was to identify and saturate in this eternal well. When Christ is revealed in the scriptures they become as living waters. Once applied, this living Word has the power to remove earthly viewpoints, revealing the Son Who is our light and life. We are no longer spending our time scrubbing away at our own blemishes and trying to clean up messes down here. Our eyes are no longer filled with the earth or defiled by such things for we have lifted our gaze to the face of Jesus. We are no longer identifying in our first birth or personal perfection, but we are finding our identity in Him Who the Father sent. He becomes our cleanliness. He has become all our righteousness and sanctification. We no longer walk in the false identity and blindness of the first birth, but are washing in the Word Himself as we apply the reality of our union in Christ. We will no longer see or judge one another after the flesh but according to our true identity together in the risen Son.

When our eyes are full of an earthly identity, our failures, or some temporal problem we can feel dirty and so

far away from God. But once we wash in the pool of Siloam we begin to see that we are already accepted in the Beloved, in the very bosom of the Father. No matter what we feel like, in reality we are not far away but complete in Christ, secure in an eternal covenant between the Father and His Son that cannot be broken. We see that we are dead and our life is now hid with Christ in God. What clear vision these waters bring!

God did not call us to be onlookers at the relationship between the Father and His Son. God has purposed for us to be found in Christ and through His Cross become partakers of this Divine fellowship. We are not to experience a secondhand relationship with God, but are called to partake of the eternal oneness between the Father and His Son. We are to wash in something that is bigger than us, that through union into the Son has become the very place of our existence. We are not just learning about a far away God and His love for His Son; we are in Christ partaking of this union and washing in these very waters. From these waters we will cry out, “Abba Father”, for the spirit of the Son will fill our hearts.

### **Remaining In Blindness**

The Pharisees rejected the Son Who was in their midst and walked in doctrines of their own making. They walked as blind men supposing they had more light than the rest. But they did not see Jesus. They did not see the eternal Christ of the Father’s heart and they missed the time of His visitation. The light came and they did not comprehend it for they loved darkness. Darkness is the absence of Jesus, the light of Life. When He is gone, so is the light. Without

Him filling our eyes, we are all as blind men. If our hearts are not filled with seeing His face, then we will not even notice when He isn't there. The Pharisees had an entire religious agenda that functioned perfectly in total darkness. The absence of the Son changed nothing, for they functioned by their own life and in their own understandings. The Son was not central, in fact the Son was unnoticed, and when He became noticed He was rejected.

If our vision comes from an earthly viewpoint rather than through the light of Life, we are blind. It is our carnal understandings that darken our way and make us stumble. Our view of the Lord and everything else is hindered by choosing to understand life by what we see and think. Ecclesiastes says that wise man's eyes are in his head (Eccl. 2:14). Jesus is the Head of the Church. If what we see is not through the eyes of Jesus and in the understanding of His Lamb nature, then darkness is yet upon the deep places of our hearts. A miraculous healing will not remedy this, for its root is separation from the Head. Those who walk in blindness of this kind have chosen to embrace their own opinions and light on the subject. They have allowed the earth to dictate their view, rather than seeing all things from their position in the risen Lord and by His life in them.

The Pharisees were blind men thinking they had light. It was not that their doctrines were unscriptural, or that their religious events were out of order. Their blindness came because they did not see the Son (Jn. 9:39-41). He was right in front of them, in their midst, and they rejected Him. The Father's heart was bound up in that Son that they despised. Their hearts were bound up in their own righteousness and agenda. Yet the light of world came

to them and eventually died for them and for all men so that we all could find a new beginning in the Son Who is from above.

### **Conclusion**

In the final passage of John chapter nine Jesus said that He came so that those who see not might see. Jesus was sent so that we could wash in Him, in the eternal pool of the Son who was sent. Jesus did not condemn the blind man, but gave him sight. God does not condemn us today, rather He gives us His Word and tells us to go and wash and receive our light from the face of Jesus. We will have no need for sun or moon, for the Lamb will be our lamp, His life and nature within will give us vision and guide our steps. We will no longer be motivated by the earth, but will come down from above bringing the glory of God into all situations (Rev. 21:10-11).

### **Prayer**

Lord, help us to know when Your face is blocked from our view because of some earthly thing that is in our eyes. Lord, if it is a log or even a speck... it still blocks us from seeing You fully. Father, thank you for sending Your Son so that we could be made new in Him and partakers of His life. Holy Spirit, guide us to the pool of Siloam by revealing the Son in the waters of the Word. Without You to guide us we are as blind men groping along trying to find the way. May the entire bible become as the pool of Siloam as You show us Christ in every word. God, thank you for doing more than a miracle. Thank you for sending Your Son so that we would not perish in our blindness but have eternal life through Him. Amen.\*\*\*

# From The Bosom Of The Father

Word from the Bosom of the Father.

Word from the Rising of the Son.

You are crying out to me, "Come and see where I live".

From the volumes of the Book, its Your voice I hear.

You're saying, "Wash in these waters,

in the deep pool of Siloam.

Know My words from the heart of Him Who Sent me".

Come deeper still

Come deeper still

Until your eyes are full of Me

Wash and see.

