

***“For Judgment I Am Come”***  
***John 9:39-41***

**Introduction:**

1. We Had A Visitor At Our Home:
  - Last Week - That Reminded Me:
    - Of Something I Did When I Was:
      - Back In Elementary School:
        - Just Like Our Visitor Was!
  - Our Visitor Was:
    - A Young Man:
      - Who Was Out Fundraising For His School:
        - By Selling - Door-To-Door:
          - Some Of The “World’s Finest Chocolate!”
            - Now, That’s Quite A Claim, Isn’t It!
2. Well - As The Young Man Stood There:
  - I Remembered When I Sold:
    - The Same “World’s Finest Chocolate” When:
      - I Was About His Age!
        - Also - Door-To-Door!
    - Because - When I Stood Before:
      - A Potential Customer:
        - And Gave Them My Well-Rehearsed Line:
          - “Would You Like To Buy Some World’s Finest Chocolate?”
            - I Then Had To Wait:
              - For Their Response!
    - And - Sometimes That Wait:
      - Was Agonizing!
        - Even If It Lasted Only:
          - A Few Seconds!
      - Because - I Didn’t Know:
        - What They Would Say - Or:
          - How They Would Respond!
  - 3. Every Potential Customer:
    - Had A Choice To Make!
      - To Buy - Or - Not To Buy!
        - To Test The Claim About Being:
          - The “World’s Finest Chocolate” By:
            - Buying A Bar Or Two!
          - Or - By Sticking With Their:
            - Other Brands Of Chocolate:
              - That Couldn’t Even Compare!
      - OK - I Didn’t Think It Lived Up To Its Claim Either!
        - But - I Still Sold It - And:
          - Just Last Week - I Even Bought Some Of It:
            - To Help Out The Young Man:
              - And His School!
      - 4. But - The Point If The Story Is This:
        - When That Young Man:
          - Offered His Chocolate To Me:
            - I Had A Choice To Make!
              - To Buy - Or - Not To Buy!
          - And - If I Chose Not To Buy:
            - I Would Never Know If:
              - The “World’s Finest Chocolate” Would Live Up To Its Name!
      - 5. Well - As We Turn Back To:
        - John 9 - And Finish The Chapter This Morning:
          - We Will See That:

- When Jesus Healed The Man Born Blind:
    - Not Only Did The Man:
      - Have A Decision To Make About Jesus - And:
        - His Claims!
  - So Did The Others:
    - Who Were Around The Man:
      - When - In 9:38 - He Said To The Lord:
        - "I Believe" - And - "Worshipped Him!"
    - And - This Is What We Find Next:
      - In 9:39-41 - Where We Read:
        - "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. / And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? / Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth!"
6. From These Verses:
- We Can See That:
    - Whenever A Person Came Face-To-Face With Jesus:
      - And His Claims:
        - That Person Never Left:
          - The Same!
    - Now - This Does Not Mean That:
      - Every Person Who Encountered Jesus:
        - Was Healed Or Saved By Jesus!
          - That's Clear From Even These Three Verses!
      - But - Anytime A Person:
        - Was Confronted With The Gospel:
          - They Did Not Leave:
            - The Same Way They Came!
      - Sometimes - They Left:
        - Healed - By The Grace Of God:
          - Just Like:
            - This Man Born Blind!
      - But - Other Times - They Left:
        - Even More Hardened:
          - Like The Pharisees - Who In Pride Asked Jesus:
            - "Are We Blind Also?"
7. The Gospel Will Never Leave You:
- In The Same Way & Condition:
    - It Finds You!
      - You Will Either Move To Christ:
        - And - "Buy Into" His Claims:
          - Through Faith! Or:
      - You Will Move Further Away From Christ:
        - And Remain In Your:
          - Own Ignorance & Iniquity!
    - And - After Jesus Finished:
      - The Good Work He Had Started:
        - By Saving The Soul:
          - Of The Man Who He Had Already:
            - Miraculously Healed!
      - Jesus Explains To The Man:
        - Man - More About Himself - And:
          - The New Faith He Had In Him:
            - As The "Son Of God!"
8. And - In 9:39 - Jesus Tells The Man:
- "For Judgment I Am Come Into This World!"
    - It Was As If Jesus Came To:

- The Door Of That Man's Heart:
  - And Made His Claims!
    - Claims That He Was More Than A Man / More Than A Prophet / More Than A Teacher!
- Now - What Would He Do:
  - With Those Claims?
    - What Would He Do:
      - With Jesus?
- Well - Already We Learned That:
  - The Man Believed In Jesus - And:
    - Was Saved By Jesus!
      - And So - With These Words:
        - We First See:

**1. *The Reality Of Jesus:***

- And His Coming!
  - Because - When Jesus Said:
    - "I Am Come Into This World!"
  - He Gave Even More:
    - Confirmation & Comfort To:
      - The Man & His New-Found Faith!
- His Coming:
  - Was A Further Confirmation:
    - That He Was To That Man:
      - Exactly Who He Now Believed Jesus To Be!
    - He Was & Is The:
      - Eternal "Son Of God" - Who Is The Only One Who Could Say:
        - "I Came Into This World" From A Place:
          - Outside This World!
  - Elsewhere In John & The Gospels:
    - Jesus Reveals That:
      - He Was Even "Sent" Into This World:
        - By God The Father!
    - And So - The Man's Faith:
      - Truly Had Found Its Resting Place:
        - In Jesus Christ!
          - But Also - Through This Statement - Jesus Tells The Man That:
- His Coming:
  - Was A Further Comfort:
    - To Him!
  - Because - What Happened To The Man:
    - Was To Be Expected!
      - Because - As Jesus Said:
        - "For Judgment I Am Come Into This World!"
  - And So - The Opposition He Faced:
    - By The Religious Leaders - And Even:
      - By His Own Parents:
        - Was Something That The Coming Of Jesus Into The World:
          - Would Bring About!
            - Division / Separation / Opposition!
  - And Yet - Jesus Was Still There!
    - With The Man & For The Man!
      - Proving The Truth Of David's Words:
        - In Psalm 27:10 - "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up!"
- And - Ever Since:
  - Whenever Someone Is Confronted With The Gospel:
    - They Have To Come To Terms With:

- The Reality Of Jesus Coming!
- And - What It Tells Them:
  - About Who He Really Is - And:
    - Why He Really Came!
- Remember - The Gospel:
  - Will Never Leave You:
    - Where It Finds You!
  - You Will Either:
    - Accept The Reality Of Jesus:
      - And His Coming - Or:
        - You Will Ignore It Or Even Reject It Altogether!
- But Then - From The Rest Of 9:39:
  - We Can See:

## 2. *The Reason For Jesus:*

- And His Coming!
  - Again - 9:39 - "For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind!"
    - Now - When Jesus Says This:
      - It Seems To Contradict What He Will Say:
        - Later In John 12:47!
      - "For I came not to judge the world, but to save the world!"
        - So - What Can This Mean?
    - When Jesus Said:
      - In 12:47 That He Came *Not*:
        - To Judge The World:
          - He Meant That He Did Not Come Into The World The First Time:
            - To Perform The Act Of Final Judgment!
        - Which Is - What Jesus Will Do:
          - When He Returns:
            - The Second Time - In Glory!
      - So - When Jesus Says Here:
        - In 9:39 That He Came:
          - *For* Judgment:
            - He Means That His Very Presence Is Setting The Stage:
              - For His Final Act Of Judgment!
        - So - When You - Or Anyone Else:
          - Comes Face-To-Face With Jesus:
            - Either Personally - Like This Man Did:
              - Or - Through The Gospel:
                - Like The Rest Of Us!
            - You Are Brought Before:
              - The Bar Of God Himself!
                - And - How You Personally Respond To Jesus:
                  - Today - In Your Heart In This Life:
                    - Will Bring About The Just Judgment Of God:
                      - In The Final Day Of Judgment!
              - So - How You Respond To Jesus Matters!
                - **IE:** It Didn't Matter All That Much In Light Of Eternity Whether I Bought The Chocolate Or Not! But A Person's Response To Jesus Does Matter!
                  - And - According To This Verse:
                    - There Are Only Two Results:
                      - That Can Spring From Your Response To Jesus Christ!
            - The First Result Is:
              - Healing! The Healing Of Christ:
                - Upon The Humble!
              - So - Jesus Tells The Man - And Us - That:
                - Part Of His Purpose In Coming Was:

- So - "That They Which See Not Might See!"
- And - This Was Certainly The Case:
  - With That Blind Man!
    - And - The Healing Of His Two Blind Eyes Was Just An Object Lesson:
      - About The Healing Jesus Would Bring About In His Heart!
- But - In Order To Experience:
  - This Kind Of Healing:
    - You First Have To Realize That:
      - You Are Completely Blind:
        - To The Things Of God!
  - Only Then Can You Receive:
    - His Healing!
      - By Grace Through Faith!
- But - There Is Also Another Result:
  - That Jesus Tells Us About In This Verse!
- The Second Result Is:
  - Humbling! The Humbling Of Christ:
    - Of The Haughty!
  - So - Part Of His Purpose In Coming:
    - Was So - "That They Which See Might Be Made Blind!" (9:39b)
  - And - Though This May Be Difficult:
    - For Us To Understand & Accept:
      - This Too Is Part Of The Purpose:
        - For Jesus' Coming Into This World!
  - It Was So That Those Who:
    - Feel Like They Can Already See:
      - The Things Of God:
        - All On Their Own:
          - Might Have Their Eyes Closed & Blinded!
  - And - When This Happens:
    - The Conditions For Final Judgment:
      - Are Set!
    - Those Who Recognize:
      - Their Blindness Before God:
        - Will Be Judged According To:
          - The Righteousness Of Christ!
    - But Those Who Ignore:
      - Their Blindness Before God:
        - As If They Could See!
      - They Too Will Be Judged:
        - But - According To Their Own Self-Righteousness!
  - And So - When You Are Confronted With:
    - Jesus - And The Truths Of The Gospel:
      - How You Respond Today Matters!
    - Because - You Will Either:
      - Desire More Of The Light Of Jesus - Or:
        - You Will Despise It!
  - Either His Light:
    - Will Be Bright & Beautiful:
      - To You - When You Realize:
        - That Without Christ, You Are Blind & Living In Darkness!
    - Or - His Light Will Be Too Bright & Painful:
      - To You - Because You Think:
        - That You Can See Just Fine Without Christ!
- This Was The Very Reason:
  - For Jesus' Coming Into This World!
    - To Set The Stage & Conditions:
      - For His Final Judgment!

- And That Is Why:
  - The Gospel Will Never:
    - Leave You:
      - Where It Finds You!
- The Gospel Will Either:
  - Heal You & Give You Spiritual Sight:
    - When God Graciously Himself Convinces You About & You Humbly Accept:
      - The Blindness Of Your Heart!
- Or - The Gospel Will:
  - Harden You & Leave You In Spiritual Darkness:
    - When, In Pride & Stubbornness, You Think That You Are:
      - Walking In The Light!
- So - What *Will* You Do:
  - With Jesus? What *Have* You Done:
    - With Jesus?
  - Then - We See:
    - From 9:40:

### 3. *The Response To Jesus:*

- And His Coming! That Is - The Response Of The Pharisees:
  - 9:40 - “And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?”
    - Now - We’re Not Sure Where These Pharisees Came From!
      - Perhaps - They Followed The Blind Man:
        - To See Where He Would Go!
      - Or - Perhaps - They Followed Jesus:
        - To See What He Would Do!
      - Either Way - They Were:
        - Up To No Good!
    - But - When They Were Confronted:
      - By Jesus - With These Words:
        - They Became A Living Example:
          - About The Kind Of Response Jesus Was Just Talking About:
            - “That They Which See Might Be Made Blind!” (9:39)
  - So - There Was Great Disgust:
    - In The Pharisees’ Response To Jesus!
      - “Are *We* Blind Also?”
        - Or - To Put It Another Way:
          - “*We’re* Not Blind – Like This Man Was – *Are We?*”
    - So - They Had A Sense That:
      - Jesus Was Talking About Them!
        - And - Of Course - They Were Right!
      - But - Jesus’ Words:
        - Became Fighting Words:
          - And - They Were Offended & Put On The Defensive!
        - Because They Refused To Admit:
          - Any Blindness On Their Part:
            - To The Things Of God!
    - And - In Their Disgust:
      - They Closed Their Own Eyes - And:
        - Hardened Their Own Hearts:
          - Even More - To:
            - The Light Of Jesus!
  - There Was Also Great Denial:
    - In The Pharisees’ Response To Jesus!
      - They Refused To Even Consider:
        - What Jesus Was Saying!
          - Not Even For The Benefit:

- Of Their Own Souls!
- And Yet - Isn't This:
  - The Kind Of Response That:
    - So Many Still Have:
      - When They Are Confronted With The "Good News" Of The Gospel?
- The Good News Is That:
  - There Is Help For The Helpless!
  - There Is Healing For The Humble!
  - There Is Hope For The Hopeless!
- But - There Is No:
  - Help Or Healing Or Hope:
    - If You Do Not See That:
      - You Need Them!
    - If You Do Not See That:
      - You Are Helpless & Humble & Even Hopeless:
        - In And Of Yourself!
- And So - The Pharisees Only Did:
  - What All Sinners Do:
    - When Confronted With The Gospel:
      - Without The Touch Of God's Grace Upon Them!
      - And So We See That:
- There Was Also Great Doubt:
  - In The Pharisees Response To Jesus!
    - "Are We Blind Also?" - They Asked?
  - Because Of:
    - The Defensive Nature:
      - Of Their Response:
    - The Pharisees May Have Said:
      - "Also" In:
        - A Sarcastic Way!
    - Implying That They:
      - Still Did Not Believe That:
        - Jesus Gave Sight To The Blind Man!
    - And - They Would Not Believe:
      - In The Healing Power Of Jesus:
        - In Spite Of:
          - All The Evidence To The Contrary, Provided At The Hearing!
- And So - Even Though These Pharisees:
  - Were *Right There* - To:
    - See His Works - And To:
      - Hear His Words!
  - They Still Responded To Jesus:
    - Out Of Hearts:
      - Filled With Pride!
    - They Just Would Not & Could Not Accept:
      - That They Were As Blind Spiritually:
        - As That Man Had Been:
          - Physically!
  - Proving Once Again That:
    - The Gospel Will Never:
      - Leave You:
        - Where It Finds You!
  - It Will Either Soften:
    - Your Heart - So That It Becomes:
      - Humble & Pliable:
        - To The Work & Word Of God!
  - Or - It Will Harden:
    - Your Heart!

- So That - In Pride:
  - You Will Become Even More:
    - Defiant Against The Truth!
- So - What Are You Doing:
  - With Jesus Today?
    - What Are You Doing:
      - With His Words Of Grace And Truth?
  - “Harden Not Your Heart!”
    - As These Pharisees Did:
      - In Jesus Day!
  - “Harden Not Your Heart!”
    - As The Children Of Israel Did:
      - “In The Day Of Temptation In The Wilderness!”
  - “Harden Not Your Heart!”
    - As You Have Done:
      - So Many Times In Your Life Before - When God’s Grace Flowed Down To You Like A River!
  - “Harden Not Your Heart!”
    - Because - If And When You Do:
      - What Jesus Says Next In 9:41 May Be True About You!
      - Because There We Find:

**4. *The Revelation By Jesus!***

- 9:41 - “Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth!”

- In This Verse - Jesus Reveals:
  - What Their Admission:
    - *Could* Do - If They Just:
      - Humbled Themselves:
        - Before Him!
  - And - Jesus Reveals:
    - What Their Arrogance:
      - *Did* Do - Since They:
        - Hardened Themselves:
          - Even More Against Him!
          - Because:
  - If The Pharisees:
    - And Just Admitted:
      - That They Were Spiritually Blind - And:
        - In A Helpless Condition!
      - Then - They Could Have Been:
        - Helped By Jesus - And:
          - Healed By Jesus:
            - Spiritually!
      - “If Ye Were Blind, Ye Should Have No Sin!”
        - Because - Their Sins Would Be Forgiven!
          - Just Like The Blind Man!
          - But Instead:
  - Since They Resisted:
    - The Truth - In Arrogance:
      - And Hardened Their Hearts:
        - Even More!
      - They Were Without Hope!
        - Because - “Now Ye Say, We See; Therefore Your Sin Remaineth!”

**Conclusion:**

1. And So - This Remains:
  - One Of The Main Reasons Why Jesus:



- Came Into The World!
  - So That - When You Are Confronted:
    - With The Gospel:
      - It Will Not Leave You:
        - Where It Found You!
2. Jesus Came:
- To Set Things Up:
    - For The Final Judgment!
  - And - How You:
    - See Yourself - When:
      - You Are Exposed To:
        - The Light Of Christ:
          - Will Determine How:
            - You Will Then Be Judged!
3. And - The Only Way:
- To Lasting Hope & Healing - Is:
    - Humbling Yourself Before The Lord:
      - When He Opens Your Eyes:
        - To Your True Condition!
  - Before You Can Say:
    - "But Now I See!"
      - You First Must Admit:
        - "I Once Was Blind!"
4. So - Whenever:
- You Come Face-To-Face With:
    - Jesus And His Gospel:
      - It Will Never Leave You:
        - Where It Found You!
  - So - Today:
    - Let It Move You:
      - Closer To The Lord!
        - And - Closer Than You've Ever Been Before!

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