



Blindness that Displays and Divides | John 9:1-41

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Jesus' healing of a man who was born blind offers insights into God's work through human pain and suffering. The man's blindness displayed God's glory, while his healing divided those who were witnesses.

We live in a fallen world that has been ravaged by the effects of sin.

Jesus took the initiative with the man born blind, but His disciples had a question, as they tried to make sense of the suffering of the man.

- 1. The blindness of the man served as a DISPLAY of the mighty works of God.**

2. The healing of the blind man served to DIVIDE the onlookers.

Questions to Consider

1. What are some examples from the Bible and from testimonies outside the Bible of the works of God being displayed through the pain and suffering of human beings?
2. Read 1st Corinthians 11:27-34. What is one possible response that might be useful when we are dealing with persistent sickness?
3. What is the lesson of John 9:4? Are there areas of your walk with Christ that are lacking in urgency and/or discipline?
4. What might Jesus have been seeking to do by His manner of healing of the blind man (9:6-7)?
5. When you are squeezed by affliction, what emotion(s)/attitude(s) tend to surface first?
6. What does spiritual sight look like, and how might spiritual pride keep a person from truly seeing God?