

SOME THINGS A BLIND MAN SAW

TEXT: Acts 9:1-9

Song: Amazing Grace

INTRODUCTION:

- A. A little while back this article appeared in the Gospel Minutes.
- B. Blind people often "see" (understand) things far more clearly than those of us with perfect vision.
- C. There are at least two theories:
 - 1. The blind have keener development of other senses to compensate the lose of sight.
 - 2. The blind just use their thinking power more to properly understand and use the information they get from their other senses.
- D. There is a case of a blind man seeing more clearly in the Bible.
- E. Saul:
 - 1. Saul had great zeal- Gal. 1:14.
 - 2. Saul battled against this "new heresy."
 - 3. He persecuted, put in prison and even helped kill Christians.
 - a. Acts 7:58-8:1.
 - b. Acts 26:9-11.
 - 4. He went to other cities.
 - 5. On one such trip it happened- Acts 9:1-9.
- F. Saul was blind for 3 days.
 - 1. He was waiting for an answer to the question- Acts 22:10.
 - 2. He was given his answer in Acts 22:16.
- G. While he was blind for those 3 days he "saw" things that he had never seen before--things that are vital for us to see today.

BODY:

I. HE SAW THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD.

A. There was powerful evidence that Jesus was the Christ.

1. Matt. 7:28-29.
2. Jn. 7:46.
3. His miracles proved this:
 - a. Jn. 10:38.
 - b. Jn. 20:30-31.
4. Jn. 3:2 "We know that thou art a teacher. . ."

B. When he saw that Jesus was Christ he knew there must be a change.

1. Acts 22:10 "What shall I do."
2. 216 "Take my life and let it be."
3. He renounced his own will.
4. Later Saul wrote.
 1. Phil. 1:21.
 2. Gal. 2:20.

C. Even a blind man could see that Jesus is the Christ and know he must make a change in his life.

II. HE SAW HIMSELF CLEARLY-A SINNER.

A. Before: Saul thought he was right.

1. Acts 23:1.
2. Acts 24:16.
3. Acts 26:9-11.

B. After: Saul knew he was a sinner:

1. 1 Tim. 1:13-15.
2. He wrote Rom. 3:23 "For all have sinner. . ."

C. When Saul saw himself as a sinner He knew he must come to God through Jesus Christ.

1. Jn. 14:6.
2. Lk. 10:16.
3. Acts 4:12.

III. HE SAW THAT CHRIST AND THE CHURCH ARE ONE.

- A. Saul "Made havoc of the church." Acts 8:3 by persecution.
- B. The Lord ask him--Acts 9:4.
- C. Saul could have said: "I am not doing anything to you just these Christians, the church."
- D. Even a blind man could see that Christ and the Church are one.
- E. Eph. 1:22-23.
- F. How ever you treat the church (each member) is the way you treat Jesus.

IV. HE SAW THAT HIS RELIGION COULD NOT SAVE HIM.

- A. Before this, Saul was a very religious man.
- B. He worked hard to be right with God- Gal. 1:14.
- C. But when this blind man "saw" Jesus, he realized that he would have to change religious, because his was wrong.
- D. Notice what he said about his religion- Phil. 3:4-6.
- E. Yet, that wasn't enough, he needed Jesus.
- F. What about mom and dad- Matt. 10:37.
- G. Saul gave up a lot.
 1. Phil. 3:7-8.

H. One man said, "You shouldn't jump from church to church" Yet a blind man could see that a change is sometimes needed.

V. HE SAW THAT SOMETHING HAD TO BE DONE TO BE SAVED.

A. When Saul was told to be baptized, he did it immediately.

B. Later Paul wrote Rom. 6:3-7.

C. He had:

1. Heard- Rom. 10:17 "So then faith. . ."
2. Believed- Heb. 11:6 "But w/o faith it is. . ."
3. Repented- Lk. 13:3.
4. Confessed- Matt. 10:32-33.
5. Was baptized- Mk. 16:16.

D. Even a blind man could see that he had to do something to be saved.

CONCLUSION:

A. Sometimes we don't see things too clearly.

B. Saul when blind "saw" more than he ever had when he had his sight.

C. Saul's blindness didn't last long- 3 days.

D. Jesus spoke of some who remained blind- Matt. 13:14-15.

E. To refuse to see is the worst of all blindness possible.

F. Why not look at the things Saul "saw" while he was blind, and then respond as he did?