

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#73 – “Receiving Sight at Jericho” – Luke 18:35-43

#### I. Introduction

##### A. Blindness – a huge disability

1. Pastor Don’s brief experience without sight.

##### B. Today’s Text – Luke 18:35-43

#### II. Exposition

##### A. Luke 18:35-37

1. Where does a blind person go for help in first century Palestine? – The street.
2. Multitude following Jesus – Probably due to the raising of Lazarus
3. Blindness – Thought to be God’s judgment
  - a. John 9:1-2

##### B. Luke 18:38-39

1. An uncustomary address – “Son of David”
  - a. Messianic and directly linked to the Davidic Covenant – II Samuel 7:12-14
2. “Have mercy on me”
  - a. A cry for mercy – Psalm 4:1; 41:4; 51:1
3. Verse 39, Persistence

##### C. Luke 18:40-41

1. Mark adds – Mark 10:49-50
2. He was not born blind.

##### D. Luke 18:42-43

1. Healed with a touch – Matthew 20:34
2. “Your faith has healed you.”
  - a. Faith is a gift from God – Ephesians 2:8.
  - b. So is Repentance a gift – II Timothy 2:25.
  - c. Physical healing, yes, but also spiritual
  - d. A. T. Robertson
  - e. Greek word used for “well” is the common term for salvation.
3. Glorify God
  1. Worship of God is the expected response to redemption.

#### III. Points for Reflection

- A. Luke’s use of miracles demonstrates our sinful brokenness and need for God’s redemptive action to do what we cannot do for ourselves.
- B. It is not the act of faith that saves but rather the object that saves – Christ.
- C. Spiritual sight is completely an act of God’s grace whereby He opens the eyes of sinners to see their need for rescue and redemption.
- D. True faith is comprised of three parts – knowledge, belief, trust.
- E. Given its history, it was insightful that this man gained his sight at Jericho.