

Insights from Luke

#73: "Receiving Sight at Jericho"

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John 9:1-2

"¹ As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?'"

Luke 18:38-39

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Psalms 4:1

"¹ Answer me when I call,
O God of my righteousness!
You have relieved me in my distress;
Be gracious to me and hear my prayer."

Psalms 41:4

"⁴ As for me, I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;
Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You."

Psalms 51:1

"¹ Be gracious to me, O God,
according to Your lovingkindness;
According to the greatness of Your compassion
blot out my transgressions."

Luke 18:40-41

“⁴⁰ And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him; and when he came near, He questioned him, ⁴¹ ‘What do you want Me to do for you?’ And he said, ‘Lord, I want to regain my sight!’”

Mark 10:49-50

“⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, ‘Call him here.’ So they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.’ ⁵⁰ Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus.”

Luke 18:42-43

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Matthew 20:39

“³⁴ Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.”

Ephesians 2:8

“⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.”

II Timothy 2:25

“²⁵ ...with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth...”

**Luke's use of miracles
demonstrates our sinful brokenness
and need for
God's redemptive action to do what
we cannot do for ourselves.**

The actual status of man's soul:

Leprous

Lame

Blind

Demon-possessed

Dead

**It is not the act of faith that
saves but rather the object
that saves – Christ.**

...but Christ that saves through faith.
The saving power resides exclusively,
not in the act of faith or the attitude of
faith or the nature of faith, but in the
object of faith ... Christ himself.

-- B. B. Warfield

**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.**

John 3:3

“³ Jesus answered and said to him,
‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is
born again he cannot see the kingdom of
God.’”

John 3:19

“¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light
has come into the world, and men loved
the darkness rather than the Light, for
their deeds were evil.”

I Corinthians 2:14

“¹⁴ But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

Ephesians 5:8

“⁸ For you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.”

True faith is comprised of three parts.

- 1. Knowledge – *noticia***
- 2. Belief – *assensue***
- 3. Trust – *fiducia***

“There is a difference between faith which believes what is said of God is true and faith which throws itself on God.”
-- *Martin Luther*

Given its history, it was insightful that this man gained his sight at Jericho.