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# "Physical Blindness/Spiritual Blindness"

John 9

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The Word Became Flesh

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<sup>9</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>10</sup> John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me,' because he was before me."<sup>11</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

<sup>12</sup> For the law was given through Moses: grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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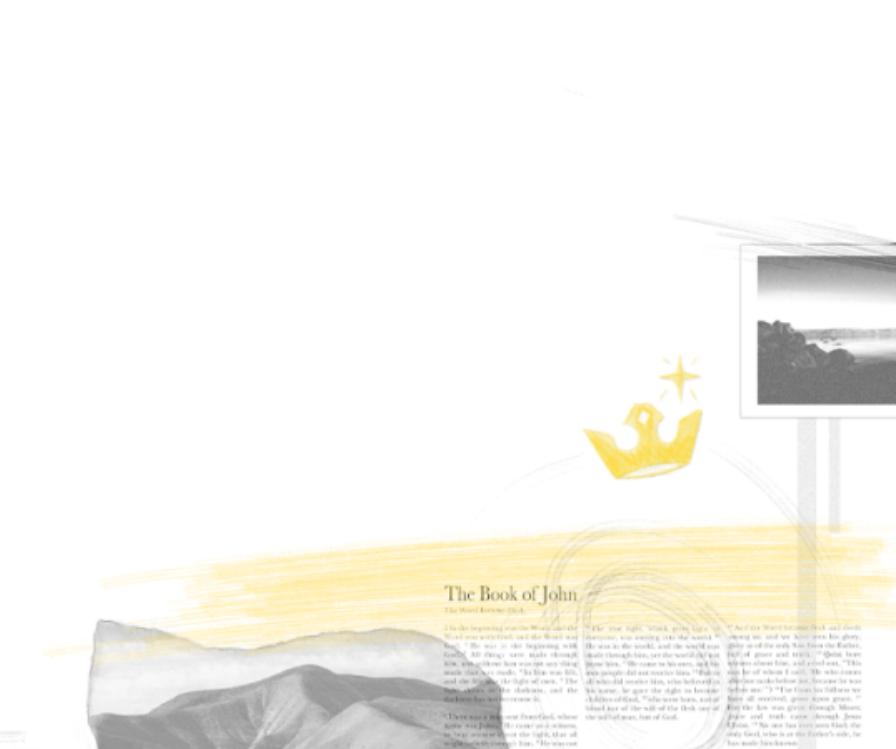
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# John 8:12

I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.



“Man, without God, is like a blind man in a dark room,  
looking for a black cat that isn’t there.”

*- Marvin Rosenthal*



# Ephesians 4:17-18

So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

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# 2 Corinthians 4:4

The god of this age [Satan] has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



“Once I knew the depth where no hope was, and darkness lay on the face of all things. Then love came and set my soul free. Once I knew only darkness and stillness. Now I know hope and joy. Once I fretted and beat myself against the wall that shut me in. Now I rejoice in the consciousness that I can think, act, and attain heaven.



I can see, and that is why I can be happy, in what you call the dark, but which to me is golden. I can see a God-made world, not a man-made world. The only thing worse than being blind is having sight, but no vision."

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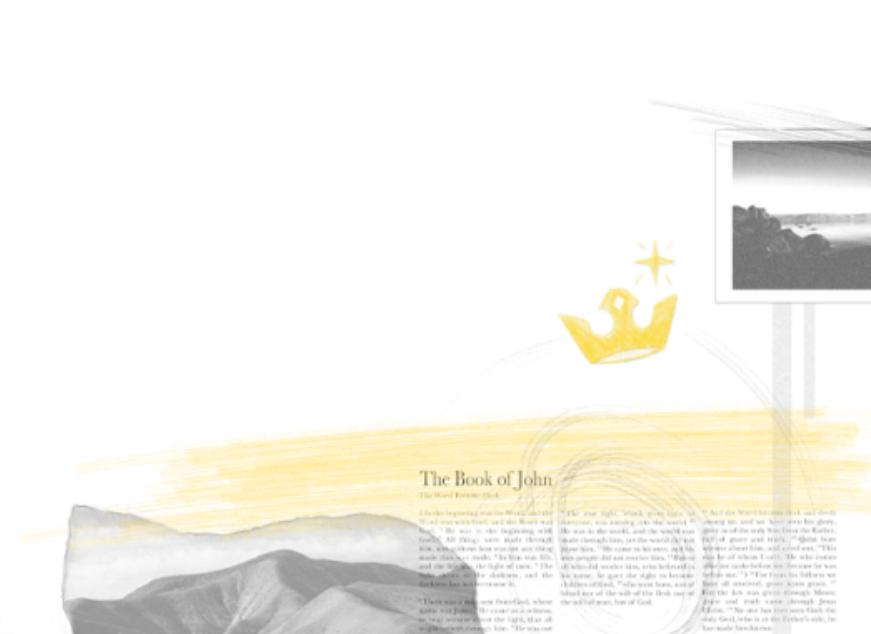
“Once I knew only darkness and stillness. My life was without past or future. But a little word from the fingers of another, fell into my hand that clutched at emptiness, and my heart leaped to the rapture of living.”

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# **John 9:1-12**

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# **Physical Healings by Jesus in the Gospels**

- one deaf-mute person healed
  - one瘫痪者
  - one sick with fever
  - two lepers healed
  - three dead people who were raised.
  - five blind people who were given their sight.

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As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

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3. **Pre-birth Sin** - The idea that a child could sin even in the womb, explaining why a child might be born blind, deaf, or crippled, etc.



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"In these days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan river. And immediately, as He came up out of the water, the Spirit of God descended upon Him like a dove, and a voice said, "Thou art My beloved Son, and I am well pleased with Thee."

# John 9:13-34

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# Hebrews 13:12-13

So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured.



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# **Matthew 5:11-12**

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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## 2. Unbelief always wants more evidence, but never has enough.

(V. 26-27) Then they asked him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered, “I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?”



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## 4. Unbelief rejects the facts.

(V. 18) They still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man’s parents.



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## 5. Unbelief is self-centered.

(V. 34) To this they replied, “You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!” And they threw him out.





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Many times throughout the book, Jesus refers to the book itself. "But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

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"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; but every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

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"No one has ever seen God; the only thing that we know about God is that God is love. "He who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him; for God is love."

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"So if the world hates you, remember that it hated me first. If you keep my commandments, you will stay in my love, just as I have stayed in the Father's love, and I have loved you. No one has ever seen God except me, because he was with me from the beginning."

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If you were sensible of your blindness and really desired light, salvation would be yours, and no condemnation would rest upon you.

But because of your pride and self-sufficiency, and because you refuse to acknowledge your sinful condition, your guilt remains.



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# The Blind Man's Progressive Belief in Jesus

1. “The man they call Jesus” (v. 11)
2. “A prophet” (v. 17)
3. “He’s from God” (v. 33).
4. “Lord” - (and he worships him) (v. 38).

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3. God will give us opportunities to share what he has done for us, and sometimes experience ridicule and loss for his name's sake. But there is no higher honor!

# Ephesians 5:8-9 (NLT)

For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light! For this light within you produces only what is good and right and true.



# 2 Peter 1:9

For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.



