

# Blind Man's Bluff

John 9

## I. The Healing (vs. 1-12)

A. The disciple's question (vs. 1-5)

**“who sinned – this man or his parents?”**

Assumption: sin and suffering are directly connected

**2 Corinthians 12:7**

**God had not made the man blind to show his glory. Rather, God sent Jesus to do the works of healing to show his glory.**

B. The miracle (vs. 6-7)

“spit on the ground”

why mud?

1) something that Jesus makes

2) Jesus is doing a work of creation for this man

Jesus initiates, the man obeys - some Faith is required

C. The neighbor's questions (vs. 8-12)

The change in the man is so drastic that they struggle to believe it is true.

## II. The Controversies (vs. 13-34)

A. Pharisees and the blind man (vs. 12-17)

Sabbath issue

Division among the Pharisees

“He is a prophet”

B. Pharisees and the parents (vs. 18-23)

They ask the parent to verify 2 things: 1) that he was healed, 2) that he was born blind.

John is using the parent's fear to emphasize the faith of the son.

C. Pharisees and the blind man, part 2 (vs. 24-34)

1. Testimony (vs. 25) – “I was blind, but now I see.”

**The most powerful argument for faith is the personal testimony of a changed heart.**

2. Teaching the great teachers (vs. 30-34)

a) Jesus opened my eyes

b) God does not listen to sinners

c) If not from God, He could do nothing

## III. The Results (vs. 35-41)

The blind man's eyes are continuing to open

The Pharisee's eyes are continuing to close

**Matthew 6:22-23**

A. Belief (vs. 35-38)

1. Jesus finds him

2. Man believes and worships

**Rom 10:9-10**

B. Blindness (vs. 39-41)

The Pharisees greatest problem is not spiritual blindness, but that they think that they see.

**One may say that this entire chapter paints a picture of how Jesus heals blind souls.**