

Chapter 9

- v. 1 **Blind** — This whole chapter deals with this one man. He pictures the lost sinner who could not see until he met Jesus (John 3:3; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6).
- v. 2 If the parent's sin caused him to be born blind, it was predestinated. If our health depended on our parents, we'd all be in trouble.
- v. 3 Bad things are not always God's chastisement. While the disciples discussed why he might be blind, Jesus did something about it.
- v. 6 There are other blind men healed by Jesus and in different ways.
Clay of spittle — man is made from earth and water. Jesus would heal other times using His saliva (Mark 7:32-35; 8:22-25).
- v. 7 He washed with water to get the dirt out and see clearly. A picture of God's word cleansing us. Jesus is the word and the "sent" one, which Siloam means. This pool is a picture of Christ.
- v. 8 **Neighbors** — Others will notice when someone is converted.
- v. 10 The first inquiry.
- v. 11 This man glorified God for the great work done (Ephesians 1:6, 12, 14).
- v. 15 The second inquiry.
- v. 16 Once again we see a division because of Christ (Luke 12:51; John 7:43; 10:19).
- v. 22 **Feared** — This is the classic fear of man. This is the same tactic used by the Roman Catholic Church and excommunication.
- v. 24 The third inquiry.
- v. 25 He doesn't fully understand, but knows something happened. It's hard to talk someone out of a conversion experience. They know something happened.
- v. 26 This is the fourth time they asked him.
- v. 27 **His disciples** — He cuts their throat.
- v. 28 **Moses'** — Not according to Jesus (John 5:46, 47). This is like a Wesleyan or Lutheran claiming they are disciples of their founders.
- v. 31 God hears sinners if He chooses to.
- v. 34 **Teach us** — This simple believer knows more than the educated theologian (Psalm 119:97-104). Their pride is hurt and they discourage a new believer.
Cast out — Better to be cast out than spewn out.
- v. 35 He's not saved yet, but is on his way.
Son of God — Changed to son of man in new versions. Also see Luke 23:42; Acts 8:37; 9:6 — key words changed in salvation context.
- v. 38 **I believe** — His salvation is complete. Notice the process — verse 11 — a man, verse 17 — a prophet, verse 33 — of God, verses 35-38 — Lord, Son of God, believe, worship.

- v. 41 The same light that leads one, blinds another. They believe they see so they have sin, if they recognize they are blind, their sin is forgiven. The heart attitude is key.