

The six Sunday of the Great Lent, the Gospel reading form St. John 9

Lesson to be learned from the Blind Man who was healed by our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1- He suffered from the first day of his life the nature pain, he did not see the light he was blind for at least 30 years and yet he did not complained, he was born blind as we read in *John 9:1, New King James Version (NKJV), 9 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth.*

We need to accept what God permit for us without complain, the time will come when everything will be OK.

- 2- He had hope, as he could not do any kind of work, he start to beg people to give him something as we read in *John 9:8, New King James Version (NKJV)* ⁸ *Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind^{a]} said, "Is not this he who sat and begged?"*

We need to have hope and do any king of work, even if this work is law in its nature, it is not good to stay without work, and this will lead you to commit sin.

- 3- He was totally obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ when He said to him something which is not logic as we read in *John 9:6-7, New King James Version (NKJV)*, ⁶ *When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.* ⁷ *And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.*

St Antony said: the commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ is not hard to all those who have absolute obedient, we need to train ourselves to be obedient to all the Lord's commandments.

- 4- Yet he was blind, however he was very religious person as we read in *John 9:30-33, New King James Version (NKJV)*, ³⁰ *the man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes!³¹ Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.³² Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.³³ If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing."*

It is not who you are? But it is: what is your level of religious, we need here to be religious persons, I wonder who educate this blind man these religious knowledge, I think his good parents.

5- He was not only religious person but also he accepted intolerable persecution by the phareesis – the human persecution - who cast him out because of his true witness to our Lord Jesus Christ as we read in *John 9:34, New King James Version (NKJV),* ³⁴ *They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.*

It is important not only to bear the nature pain but also the human persecution trusting that God will not leave us, He will research for us and will find us and reveal His glory to us as we read *John 9:35-38, New King James Version (NKJV),* ³⁵ *Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"*^[A]

³⁶ He answered and said, "Who is He, Lord that I may believe in Him?"

³⁷ And Jesus said to him, "You have both seen Him and it is He who is talking with you."

³⁸ Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he worshiped Him.