

John 9 , (NKJV) 9 Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

³ Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

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.

⁸ Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”

⁹ Some said, “This is he.” Others said, “He is like him.”

He said, “I am he.”

¹⁰ Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

¹¹ He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”

¹² Then they said to him, “Where is He?”

He said, “I do not know.”

¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.”

Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?”

He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸ But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”

²⁰ His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner.”

25 He answered and said, “Whether He is a sinner or not I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

26 Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

27 He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”

28 Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.”

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.”

34 They answered and said to him, “You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they cast him out.

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?”

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.

39 And Jesus said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

40 Then some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said to Him, “Are we blind also?”

41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see.’ Therefore your sin remains.

The main points of the sermon:

- 1- *Now as Jesus passed by.*
- 2- *I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.*
- 3- *I am the light of the world.”*
- 4- *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)*
- 5- The Virtues of the blind man:
 - 5-1: *So he went and washed, and came back seeing.*

5-2: He was very wise man.

5-3: He was a very patient man.

5-4: He had a great faith.

5-5: He was a poor man V 8 , He parents left him twice .

6- This miracle happened in the Sabbath.

7- Jesus Christ our Lord in this Miracle.

Details of points of the sermon:

1- Now as Jesus passed by:

My dear brothers and sisters we need to know: from where Jesus was passed by? And why ?

To be able to answer these questions we need to read *John 8:58-59 , (NKJV) ,⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.” ,⁵⁹ Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.*

The answer is : Jesus was passing by from the Temple after He declared His divinity as God.

The lesson here we need to know is that we need to be abide with the Orthodox teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ as He is the Real God.

2- I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work:

St. Cyril of Alexandria explained the meaning of the day and night in this verse , he said¹:” in these words He called the time of our live in the world is called :” day” and the time of our death is called:” night” because the day was designed for the man to work during it and the night is designed for the rest of the man, no one can work after his death.

The lesson here we need to know is that we need to invest our time while we still in this life , we need to do good need now and until we die , this because we do not know when we are going to die and leave this world .

3- I am the light of the world:

The Lord Jesus Christ said this statement because He gave the sight for this blind man , moreover *He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay* as He did in raising the son of the widow of Nain as He touched the coffin as we read in *Luke 7:11-17 , (NKJV) ¹¹ Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. ¹² And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” ¹⁴ Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” ¹⁵ So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.*

¹⁶ Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has risen up among us”; and, “God has visited His people.” ¹⁷ And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

4- 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):

St. Cyril mentioned two things explaining this verse

¹ - The Book of St. John by St. Cyril , St, Anthony Association, Egypt , Page 667.

4-1: By anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, He completed what is missed in the eyes of the this blind man- i.e The Jesus Christ is the Creator, He created the eyes of this man .

4-2: By saying to the blind man **Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent) He meant** to establish the sacrament of Baptism

5-The Virtues of the blind man:

5-1: So he went and washed, and came back seeing:

This man believed in the impossible, he obeyed the Lord in something which is not logic .

5-2: He was very wise man:

He said to the Pharisees 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! ³¹Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³²Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing.”*

5-3: He was a very patient man:

He was subjected to the investigation for four times as follows

5-3-1: From his neighbors as we read from verses 8-12 ⁸*Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”*

⁹*Some said, “This is he.” Others said, “He is like him.”*

He said, “I am he.”

¹⁰*Therefore they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”*

¹¹*He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed, and I received sight.”*

¹²*Then they said to him, “Where is He?”*

He said, “I do not know.”

5-3-2: from the Pharisees for the first time as we read from verses 15-17 ¹⁵*Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”*

¹⁶*Therefore some of the Pharisees said, “This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.”*

Others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

5-3-3: From the Pharisees for the second time as we read verse 17 ¹⁷ *They said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?”*

He said, “He is a prophet.”

5-3-4: From the Pharisees for the third time as we read verses 26-29 ²⁶ *Then they said to him again, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”*

²⁷ *He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?”*

²⁸ *Then they reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are Moses’ disciples. ²⁹ We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from.”*

5-4: He had a great faith:

5-4-1: He first said about the Lord that He is a man in verse 11 ¹¹ *He answered and said, “A Man called Jesus,*

5-4-2: Then he said about Jesus that He is a prophet as we read verse 17 *“He is a prophet.”*

5-4-3: Then finally he confessed and worship the Lord Jesus as the Son of Man as we read verses 35-38 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?”*

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.*

5-5: He was a poor man V 8, He parents left him twice:

5-5-1: This blind man was lonely he had no body to look after him, he used to beg for money as we read verse 8 ⁸ *Therefore the neighbors and those who previously had seen that he was blind said, “Is not this he who sat and begged?”*

5-5-2: Also his parent left him and said he is of age ask him as we read in verses ¹⁸ *But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. ¹⁹ And they asked them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?”*

²⁰ *His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but by what means he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes we do not know. He is of age; ask him. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had agreed already that if anyone confessed that He was Christ, he would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”*

6-This miracle happened in the Sabbath:

St. Cyril of Alexandria said² that this miracle happened in the Sabbath as the Sabbath is symbolise the last period of this world as the Sabbath is the last day of the week .

7- Jesus Christ our Lord in this Miracle.

7-1: Was very compassionate as He healed this blind man without the blind man asking Him to do so. He did the same with the son of the widow of Nain as we mentioned before.

7-2: St. Cyril of Alexandria said that the Lord Jesus Christ healed this man who is blind to open our eyes for the healing of the Gentiles, who are blind.

7-3: Our Lord Jesus Christ in this miracle taught us the importance of follow up the matter, He found the bling man later on.

² - same reference P 669