

Spiritual Sight For The Blind

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"And as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. 30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. 31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. 32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? 33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. 34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him" (Matthew 20:29-34).

We have already learnt many lessons from various cases of Jesus opening the eyes of the blind. Some additional points we can glean from this lesson include:

- These two blind men sat together. Fellowship, friendship and partnership are important for success. Two are better than one for they have a good reward for their labour (Ecclesiastes 4:9). When brethren dwell together in unity, God commands His blessings (Psalms 133).
- 2) On hearing that the great multitude were following Jesus as he departed from Jericho, they cried unto Jesus "Have mercy on us..." (vs 30). Their cry was directed specifically to Jesus (not the multitudes) but their request was not specific.
- 3) "... the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace..." (vs 31). The multitude were more interested in protocol, dignity and process but these blind men were focused on maximising their opportunity to get help.
- 4) Jesus responded and asked them what type of mercy they needed. Truly, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" shall be saved (Romans 10:13).

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- 5) In response to Christ's question, they became specific in their request. Being specific in prayers enables us to know that the miracle we got were answers from God.
- 6) Jesus in compassion touched their eyes and they were immediately healed.
- 7) On receiving their miracles, they followed Jesus what a good example for all!

There are still many blind people in the world today who need miracle from Jesus, but not all are physically blind. In another miracle associated with the healing of a blind man, Jesus told the multitude "... For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth" (John 9:39-41). These category of blind are more difficult to reach than the physically blind "That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them" (Mark 4:12).

They are often those who claim to know everything "Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant?" (Isaiah 42:19). And the consequence? "We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men" (Isaiah 59:10). If we call upon Jesus today, He will open our eyes as he did the two disciples He accosted on the way to Emmaus (Luke 24:30-32).

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