



Healing of Two Blind Men

"And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind" (John 9:39).

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The miracle of Jesus healing the blind is pregnant with poignant messages for all who have ears to hear.

"And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us. 28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. 31 But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country" (Matthew 9:27-31).

- 1) As Jesus departed from Jairus's house (vs27), two blind men followed him. How did they know of Jesus when they were blind? How did they see where Jesus was going in order to follow Him to the house He entered when they were blind? (vs28). We can speculate various answers to these questions, but the key message for all is that they did not use their disability as an excuse for not taking practical steps of faith for their healing.
- 2) They were not timidly or shyly following Jesus but were also crying at the top of their voices, saying "Thou Son of David, have mercy on us" (vs27). The loss of their sight did not stop them from using their vocal ability to voice out their needs. We must use what we have to get what we do not have. He that asketh receiveth (Matthe 7:7-11).
- 3) Despite their persistence (in shouting and following), it appears they had no response from Jesus until they had followed him into the house (vs28). Miracles happen usually not to 'starters' but those who follow through till the end.
- 4) Note the question Jesus asked these blind men. They have followed through. They have cried unto Him for mercy. But Jesus still asked them "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" (vs28). Actions may not always be a sign of faith as it is possible for such actions to ema-

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nate from fear, unbelief or other reasons.

- 5) Their answer "Yea Lord" (vs28), brought their miracle. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10).
- 6) Jesus touched their eyes (impartation) and spoke "According to your faith be it unto you" (vs29). They got what they believed for, and so will you.
- 7) Though Jesus charged them not to publicise the healing, yet they "spread abroad his fame in all that country" (vs30-31). Miracles have voices of their own that speak louder than words.
- 8) These blind men acknowledged their condition, sought Jesus's help and got their miracles. In John 9:39-41, Jesus pointed out that "... For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, **Are we blind also?** Jesus said unto them, **If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth**".
- 9) Isaiah 42:16-20 points out that despite God's promises and provisions for healing of the blind, it is often His servant that remain spiritually blind and deaf to their needs **"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?"**

Let us humble ourselves today and come to Jesus with our needs so that He can heal and deliver us.