



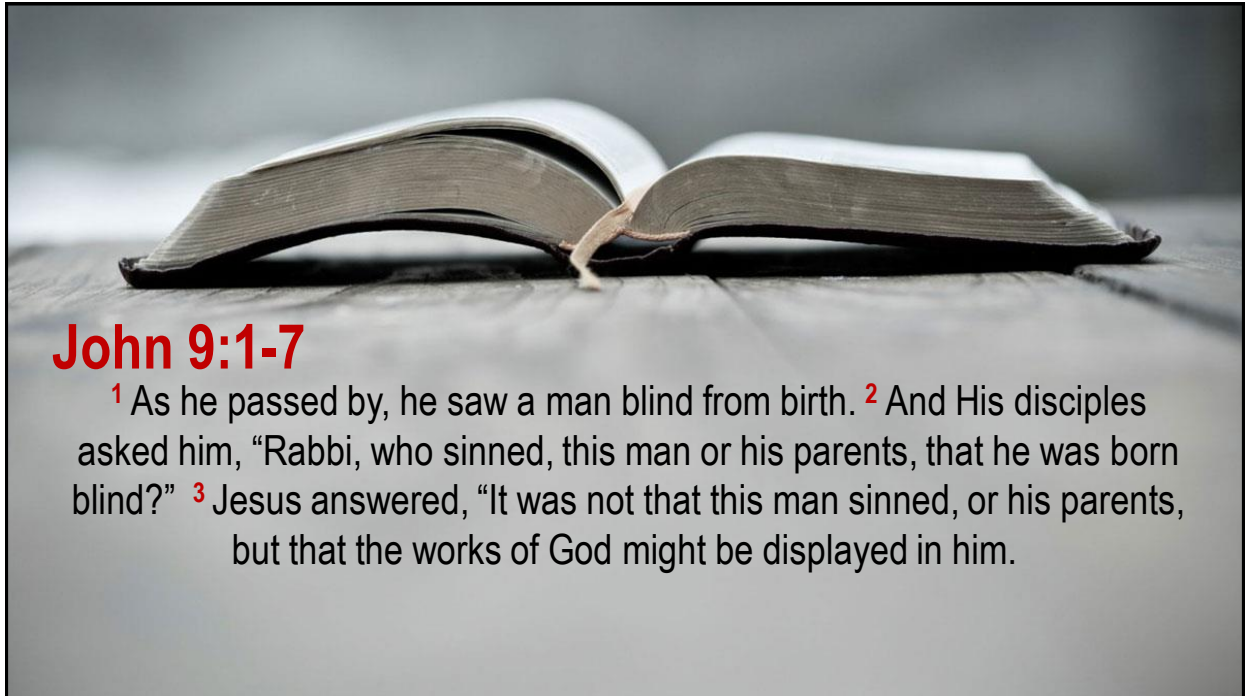


John 9



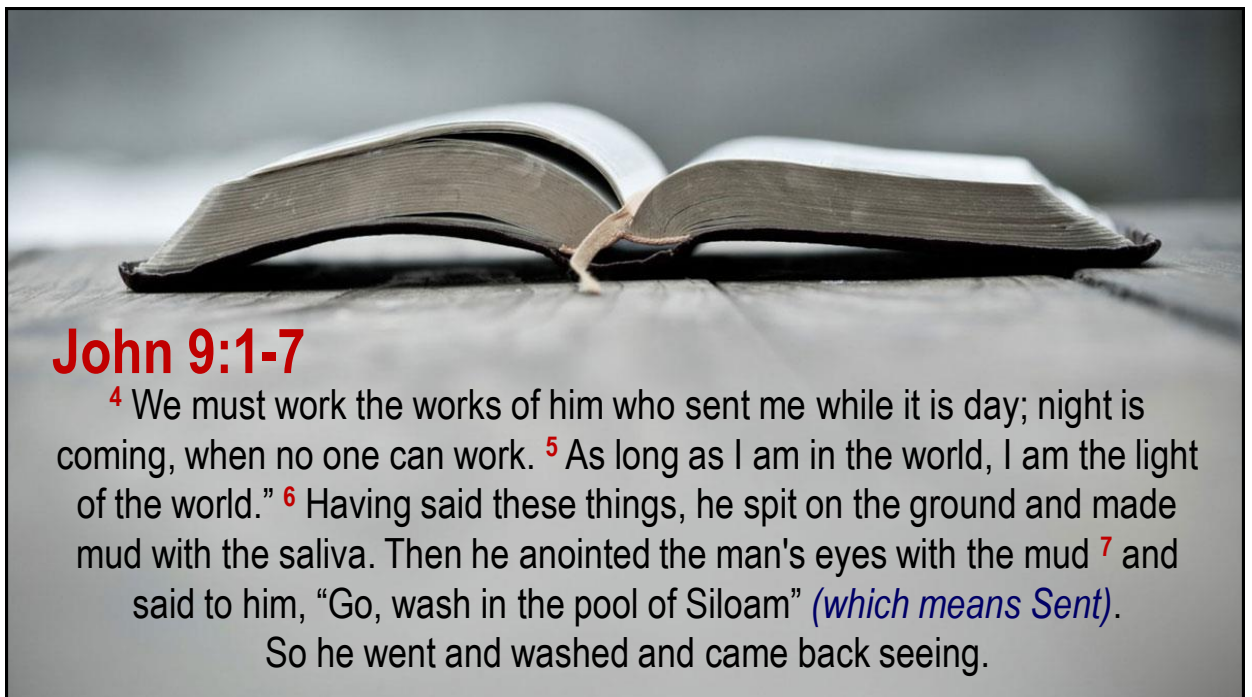
John 20:31

But these are written that you may believe that
Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God,
and that by believing you may have life in His name.



John 9:1-7

¹ As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³ Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.



John 9:1-7

⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; 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 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (*which means Sent*). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

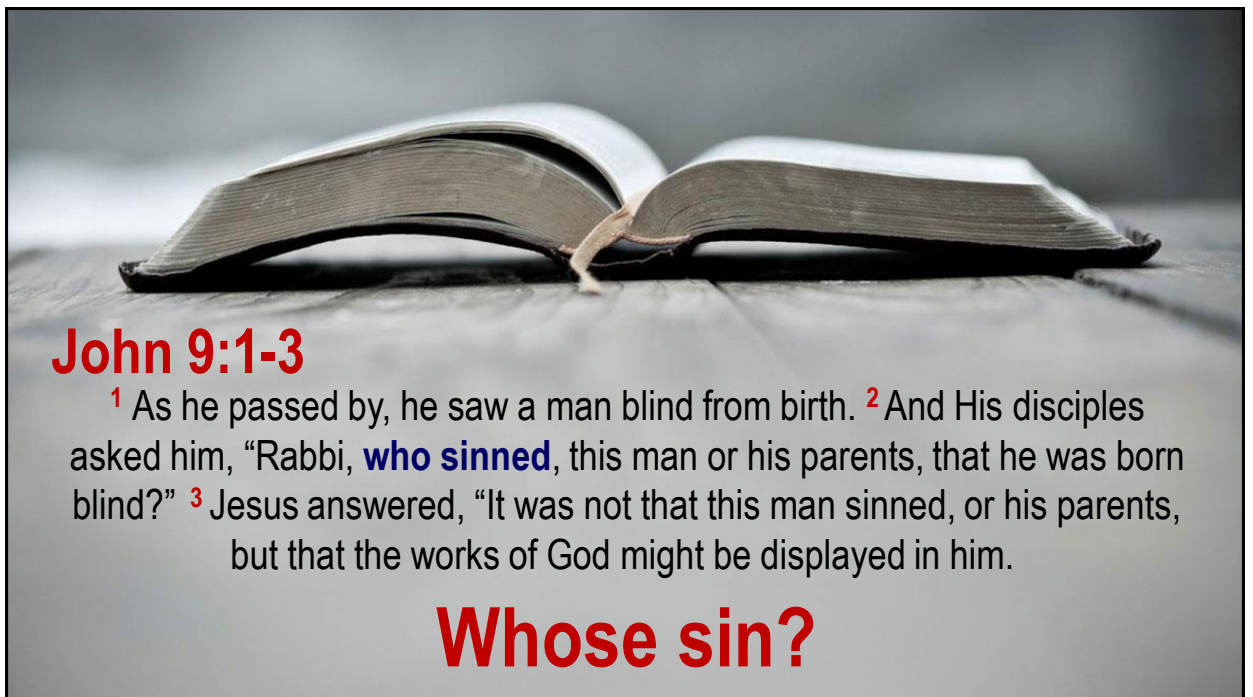
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**Isaiah 35:4-5**

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; **your God will come, he will come** with vengeance; with divine retribution **he will come** to save you." **Then will the eyes of the blind be opened.**"

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Whose sin?

1. AVOID the of Spiritual Blindness



John 9:8-41

⁸ The **neighbours** and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

John 9:8-41

¹³ They brought to the **Pharisees** the man who had formerly been blind.

¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

John 9:8-41

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind?

How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His **parents** answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² *(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.)*

²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."



John 9:8-41

²⁴ So for the second time the **Pharisees** called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner."
²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ... ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.



John 9:8-41

³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains.

John 9:8-12

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First danger to spiritual blindness is scepticism

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Second danger to spiritual blindness is legalism



John 9:24-25

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John 9:21-23

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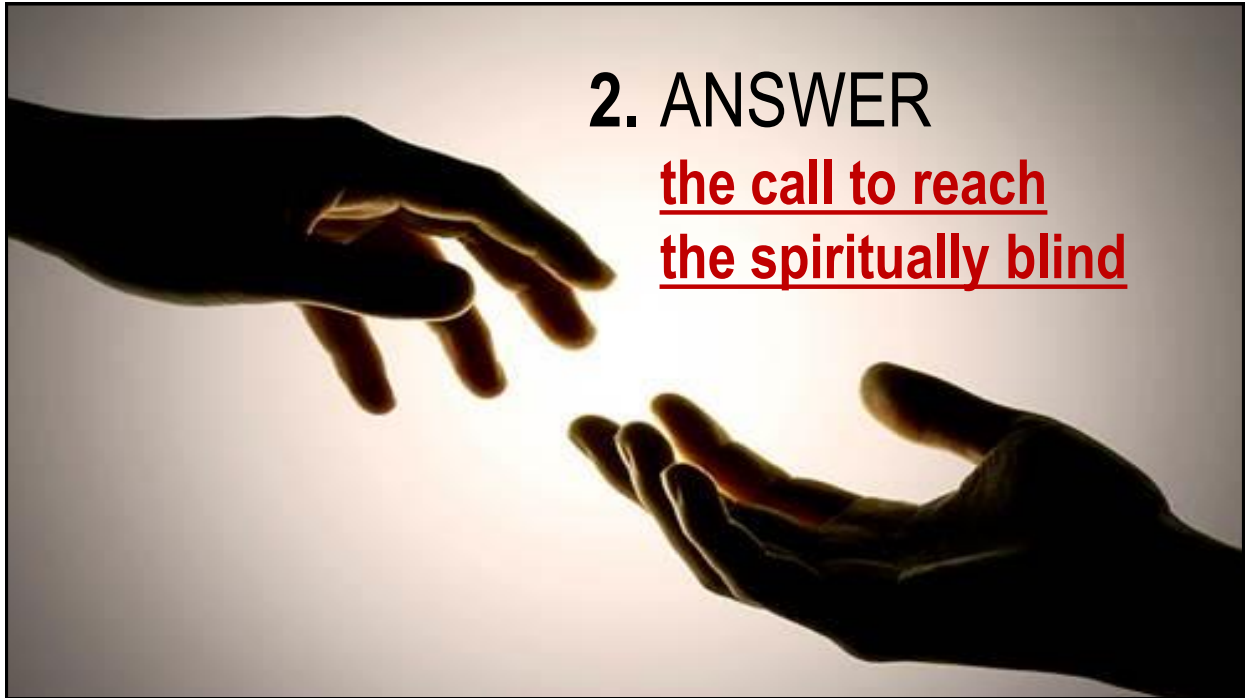
Third danger to spiritual blindness is the fear of men.



Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.



**What is the condition
of your heart today?**



2. ANSWER

the call to reach
the spiritually blind

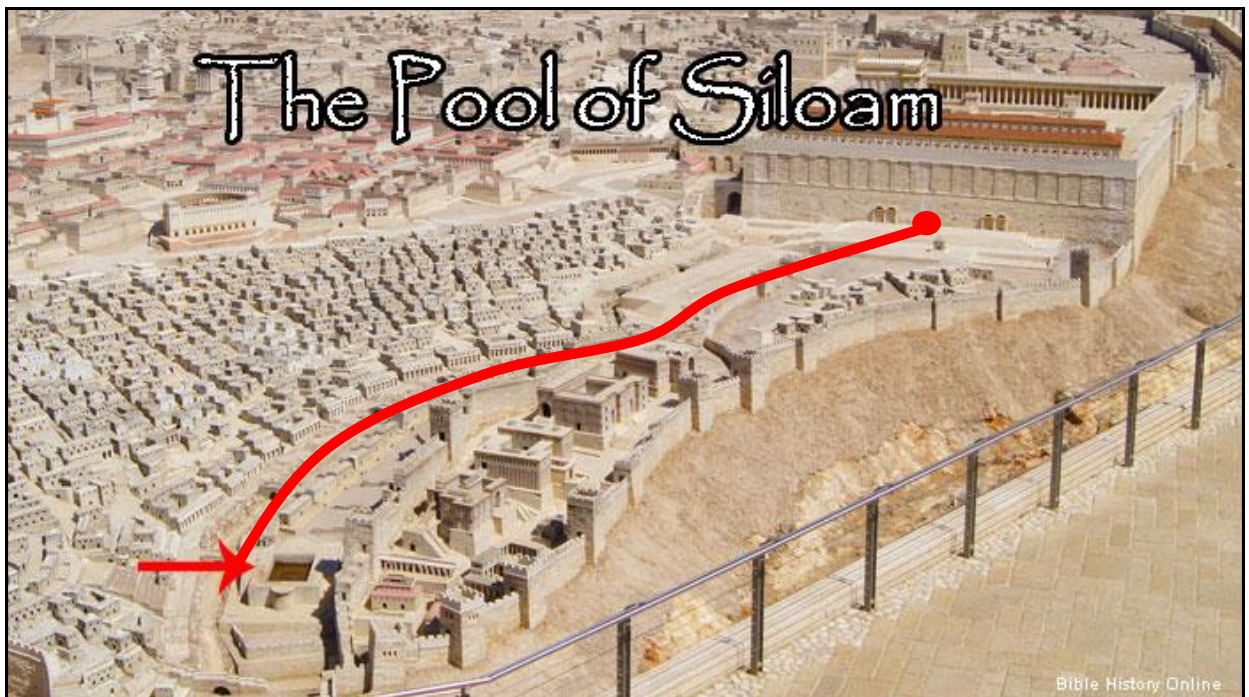
John 9:35-38

- ³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
- ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"
- ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

John 9:4-5

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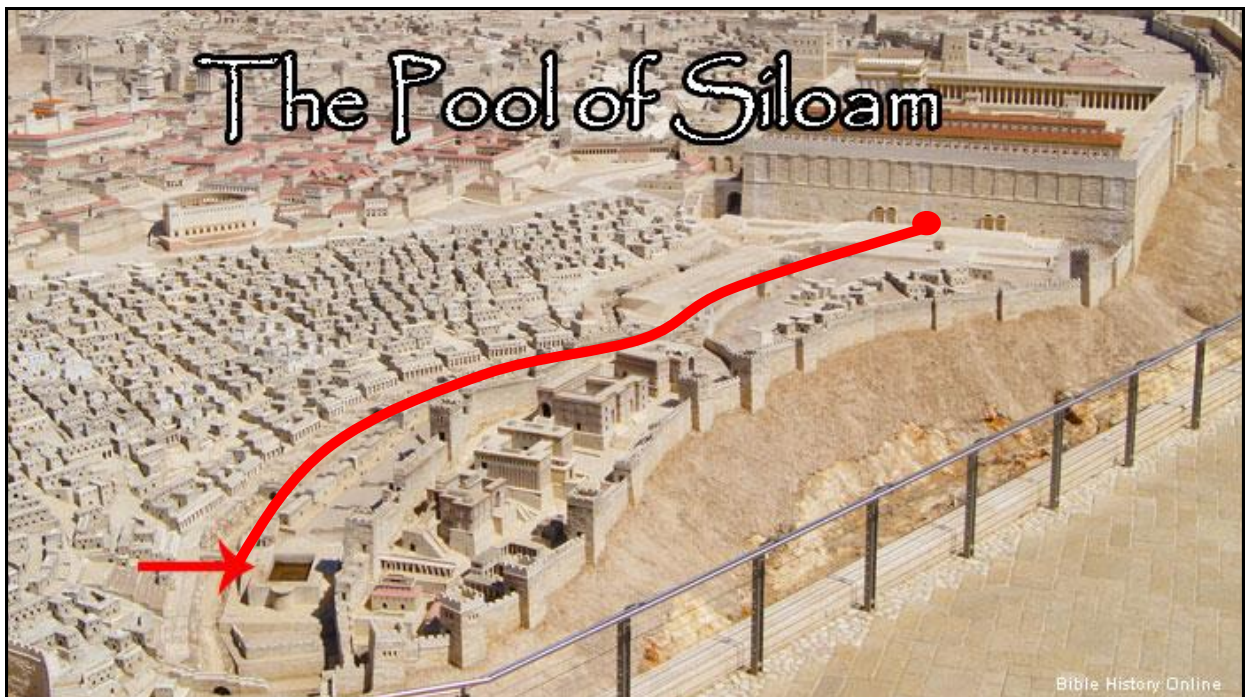
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2. Meet the felt needs before the person's spiritual needs.



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**Is there someone
you can reach out to
this Christmas?**



3. **ACCEPT** the truth to gain spiritual sight.



11 He answered, “**The man called Jesus** made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.”

17 So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “**He is a prophet.**”

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Fanny Crosby

Oh, what a happy child I am!
 Although I cannot see!
 I am resolved in this world contented I will be.
 For how many blessings I enjoy that other people don't.
 So weep or sigh because I am blind.
 I cannot or I won't.
 Oh, what a happy child I am!



Fanny Crosby's hymn **"Saved By Grace"**

Some day the silver cord will break,
 And I no more as now shall sing;
 But oh, the joy when I shall wake
 Within the palace of the King!



Chorus:

And I shall see Him face to face,
And tell the story—Saved by grace...

Some day my earthly house will fall,
I cannot tell how soon 'twill be;
But this I know—my All in All
Has now a place in heaven for me.

(Chorus)

Fanny Crosby's hymn "**Blessed Assurance**"



Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.



Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above ...
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

**How badly do you want
to grow in the Lord?**

Question

