

## THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY

### GFT-24 "LORD, I BELIEVE" -Pt2

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**JOHN 9:35-38** Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in Him?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you."

<sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped Him.

As we continue the narrative of "The Healing of the Man Born Blind" in **JOHN 9**, we find Jesus 2<sup>nd</sup> encounter with him. He came "first" to Heal him. Jesus was "**working with the Father**" as He had been sent to do. This "**second**" time, when Jesus met him in the Temple, it was to reveal himself to him, to encourage him, and to call him to faith.

This is an incredible presentation of the compassion, mercy, and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9:24) Then a second time they called the man who was blind and said to him, Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.

9:25) He answered and said, Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that being blind, now I see.

9:26) They said to him, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?"

<sup>27</sup> 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?"

9:28-29) And they reviled him, saying, "You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses." <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from."

Fearless before these Pharisees, the man turns to sarcasm to reveal their contempt for Jesus.

9:30-33) The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes." <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, He could do nothing."

The man's Frustrated Testimony...

vs11) "A man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and said to me, Go to the pool of Siloam and wash. And going and washing, I received sight." [29 words]

vs15) "He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and I see." [12 words]

vs25) "... being blind, now I see." [5 words]

vs30) "...He opened my eyes." [4 words]

In an overt display of their oppressive use of THE LAW, the Pharisees turn their anger upon the man.

9:34) They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

9:35) Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, "Do you believe in the SON OF MAN?"

"Although they cast him 'out of the Temple'... The LORD of the Temple 'found him'"

John Chrysostom

9:36) *He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in Him?"*

- A true plea of honesty... humility... and desire

9:37) *Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you."*

9:38) *He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped Him.*

- A true response of faith... and bold recognition of Jesus Deity and Messiahship

9:39) *Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."*

9:40-41) *Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?"*<sup>41</sup>

*Jesus said to them, "If you WERE blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'WE SEE,' your guilt remains."*

- Don't ask the question IF you don't want to hear the answer...
- *IF you WERE blind...* – Jesus will "open the eyes of those who admit they are blind" that they may have spiritual sight...and receive forgiveness
- *You say, We SEE...* – Those who arrogantly profess "they SEE" will find NO spiritual sight and will remain in their sin

*REV 3:17-18 For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.<sup>18</sup> I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.*

## GFT-24/25 [SUPPLEMENT] "WHAT ABOUT GENERATIONAL CURSES"

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Our session will continue with the study of a "side-issue" that arises from Jesus' encounter with the Man Born Blind. The disciples asked Jesus, "*who sinned that this man was born blind.*" One of their assumptions was that it was a "judgement for the sin(s) of the parent(s)."

This leads to our study "**WHAT ABOUT GENERATIONAL CURSES.**"

I have given you a separate set of Notes to use for this study.