
CHAPTER 71**Pharisees Confront the Man Who Was Blind**

(John 9:19-41) And they 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 it is that he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him. He is of age. He must speak for himself.” 22 His parents said these things because they were in fear of the Jews, for the Jews had already come to an agreement that if anyone acknowledged him as Christ, that person should be expelled from the synagogue. 23 This is why his parents said: “He is of age. Question him.” 24 So a second time they 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 I was blind, but now I can see.” 26 Then they said to him: “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” 27 He answered them: “I told you already, and yet you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become his disciples also, do you?” 28 At this they scornfully told him: “You are a disciple of that man, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he is from.” 30 The man answered them: “This is certainly amazing, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does his will, he listens to this one. 32 From of old it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of one born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing at all.” 34 In answer they said to him: “You were altogether born in sin, and yet are you teaching us?” And they threw him out! 35 Jesus heard that they had

thrown him out, and on finding him, he said: “Are you putting faith in the Son of man?” 36 The man answered: “And who is he, sir, so that I may put faith in him?” 37 Jesus said to him: “You have seen him, and in fact, he is the one speaking with you.” 38 He said: “I do put faith in him, Lord.” And he did obeisance to him. 39 Jesus then said: “For this judgment I came into this world, that those not seeing might see and those seeing might become blind.” 40 Those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and they said to him: “We are not blind also, are we?” 41 Jesus said to them: “If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say, ‘We see.’ Your sin remains.”

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(John 9:22) His parents said these things because they were in fear of the Jews, for the Jews had already come to an agreement that if anyone acknowledged him as Christ, that person should be expelled from the synagogue.

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(John 9:19-21) And they 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 it is that he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him. He is of age. He must speak for himself.”

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(John 9:24, 25) So a second time they 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 I was blind, but now I can see.”

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(John 9:26-29) Then they said to him: “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?”
27 He answered them: “I told you already, and yet you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become his disciples also, do you?”
28 At this they scornfully told him: “You are a disciple of that man, but we are disciples of Moses.
29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he is from.”

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31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is God-fearing and does his will, he listens to this one.
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(John 9:34) In answer they said to him: “You were altogether born in sin, and yet are you teaching us?” And they threw him out!

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(John 9:35-37) Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and on finding him, he said: “Are you putting faith in the Son of man?”
36 The man answered: “And who is he, sir, so that I may put faith in him?”
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(John 9:38, 39) He said: “I do put faith in him, Lord.” And he did obeisance to him.
39 Jesus then said: “For this judgment I came into this world, that those not seeing might see and those seeing might become blind.”

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(John 9:40, 41) Those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and they said to him: “We are not blind also, are we?”
41 Jesus said to them: “If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say, ‘We see.’ Your sin remains.”

◇ Why are the parents of the once blind beggar afraid when they are called before the Pharisees, and how do they answer?

◇ The Pharisees become enraged at what logical argument?

◇ Why do the Pharisees have no excuse for opposing Jesus?