

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

November 26, 2017

John 9:35-41

READ

John 9:13-41

Psalm 37:1-11

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. The healed man had just been put out of the synagogue by the Pharisees (excommunicated). This possibility is why the man's parents had been so fearful of the Pharisees (v. 22). The fear of man is always a snare (Proverbs 29:25). John Bunyan described the fear of man as "an idol of approval" because it stands in the place of the One we are to fear: the LORD God (Proverbs 23:17). What is the benefit of the fear of the Lord?
 - Proverbs 9:10
 - Proverbs 10:27; 14:27
 - Proverbs 14:26
 - Proverbs 16:6
2. Take a look at Psalm 37:1-11. What are synonyms for the fear of man? Identify that which contributes to the fear of the LORD. How are we to always live in the fear of the LORD?
3. The Pharisees drew a line in the sand between being "His disciple" and "disciples of Moses" (v. 28). In their minds this is now, effectively, Jesus versus Moses. Yet even the Apostle John pointed to the contrast between Moses & Jesus. What is the contrast between Moses & Jesus (1:17)? Is there truly a conflict? And if so, how so?
4. Is there any significance behind the fact that Jesus "found" (KJV) the healed man upon hearing that he had been put out? What were the circumstances when Jesus found you?
5. What is so important about the question, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"?
6. What are the healed man's reactions upon learning his Healer's identity (v. 38)?

7. Reflect on the following Scriptures.

- Acts 10:25-26
- Acts 14:11-15
- Revelation 22:8-9

What is significant about the fact that “he worshiped Him”?

8. Trace the healed man’s growth in spiritual understanding: vv. 11, 17, 33, 35, 38. What sight does he truly gain? What path has your odyssey of faith taken?

9. What would this newly excommunicated man think of the Apostle Paul’s words in Philippians 3:8? How would he relate to Mark 10:28-31?

10. Jesus seems to be speaking in double-speak in verses 39 & 41. What is He getting at? What issues is He trying to expose?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. This week, I will answer the question, “Do *you* believe in the Son of Man?”, by . . .

2. This week, my worship of the Son of Man will look like . . .