



John 9:13-34

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THE PHARISEES DOUBT AND DEBATE

Introduction:

I. THEY IMPUGNED THE MIRACLE (9:13-17)

- A. They decried the day it was done. (vs. 13-14)

“they brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind”

“now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes”

- B. They disparaged the One who did it. (vs. 15-17)

“the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight”

“He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”

“This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.”

“How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And there was a division among them.

“So they said to the blind man again, ‘What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?’”

“And he said, ‘He is a prophet.’”

II. THEY INCRIMINATED HIS MOM AND DAD (9:18-23)

- A. They called in his parents. (vs. 18)

“the Jews then did not believe it of him, that he had been blind and had received sight...”

“...until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight”

- B. They cross-examined them. (vs. 19-21)

“...and questioned them, saying, ‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?’”

“his parents answered them and said, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but how he now sees, we do not know...’”

“or who opened his eyes, we do not know.”

“Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.”

C. They cast out any who dared to believe. (vs. 22-23)

“his parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews”

“for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue”

“for this reason his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’”

III. THEY INDICTED THE MAN (9:24-34)

A. They accused him of heresy. (vs. 24-27)

“so a second time they called the man who had been blind”

“Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.”

“Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

“What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”

“I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?”

B. They assailed him for his belief. (vs. 28-33)

“they reviled him and said, ‘You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.’”

“We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.”

“Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes.”

“We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.”

“Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.”

“If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.”

C. They arraigned and excommunicated him. (vs. 34)

“You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?”

“So they put him out.”

Conclusion:

Food for Thought:

- 1) How do many “religious” people today actually fall into disbelief?
- 2) What is it that keeps people from seeing the truth of Scripture?
- 3) When does God hear sinners? When does He not?
- 4) What does this passage tell us about evangelism and our personal testimony.