

October 24/Day 297

John 9

Verses 1-12

- If you just picked up the Bible and opened it here, how, besides it being printed in a capital letter, would you know who the “He” is in this passage?
- How long had the man been blind?
- What did His disciples ask about the man’s blindness?
- How did Jesus respond?
- While it is true, according to Scripture, that sometimes our illnesses are due to our personal sin, it is not always the case.
- What was the purpose of this man’s illness?
- What did Jesus do for the man?

Verses 13-17

- On what day of the week did Jesus perform this healing?
- Of what did the Pharisees accuse Him?
- What did the formerly blind man say about Him?

Verses 18-23

- What did the Pharisees not believe?
- What happened when they spoke with the man’s parents?

Verses 24-34

- Of whom did the Pharisees say they were disciples? This means they were bound to the law, they did not receive Jesus, or grace. They lived by their works.
- What did they not recognize about Jesus?
- Whom does God not hear? If God is all-knowing, this means while He can hear, He chooses not to hear sinners.
- By the way, believers are not just “sinners saved by grace”. Scripture says if we are truly believers, we are saints. Our sins have been removed as far as the east is from the west. We are no longer “sinners”. We are saints who sin.
- So, God doesn’t hear sinners, or those who continue in sin apart from repentance.
- Who does this passage say God hears?

Verses 35-41

- Describe the conversation Jesus had with the formerly blind man in this passage.
- What happened to the man in this passage?

- What does the paradox in verse 39 mean?
- Why did their “sin” remain?

John 10:1-21

Verses 1-6

- Think about the context. Though we have begun a new chapter, the chapter and verse divisions are man-made. Jesus is still talking to the Pharisees, the religious men.
- Jesus will go on to tell us He is the way. Was He saying the Pharisees were trying to enter in by another way? By their works, maybe, rather than by receiving Him?
- By what does the shepherd call his sheep? Does this imply he has a relationship with his sheep?
- Why do the sheep follow him?
- Did they understand what He was saying?
- Who grants understanding?

Verses 7-10

- Who is the door?
- What will happen to those who enter through Him?
- What does the thief do?
- By contrast, what does Jesus do?

Verses 11-18

- What does the good shepherd do?
- Who would be the hired hand?
- Who do you think the other sheep, not of this fold, are? Remember, He is talking to the Jewish religious leaders.
- What are the terms of Jesus’s death?

Verses 19-21

- What were the religious people saying about Jesus?
- But what were some people realizing?

See you tomorrow.