

## Promised Land pt2

### **JOHN 9:1-41**

- 1** ¶ And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.
- 2** And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?
- 3** Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.
- 4** I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.
- 5** As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.
- 6** When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,
- 7** And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.
- 8** ¶ The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?
- 9** Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.
- 10** Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?
- 11** He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.
- 12** Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not.
- 13** ¶ They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind.
- 14** And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.
- 15** Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see.
- 16** Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.
- 17** They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.
- 18** But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight.
- 19** And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?

- 20** His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:
- 21** But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.
- 22** These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.
- 23** Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.
- 24** Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.
- 25** He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.
- 26** Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?
- 27** He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?
- 28** Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples.
- 29** We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.
- 30** The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.
- 31** Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.
- 32** Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind.
- 33** If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.
- 34** They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.
- 35** ¶ Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?
- 36** He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?
- 37** And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.
- 38** And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.
- 39** ¶ And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

**40** And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

**41** Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

### **61-1112 A.TRUE.SIGN.THAT'S.OVERLOOKED**

**169** And when John came out of the wilderness, he was a sign that the Messiah was on His road. When John appeared, Israel ought to have knowed by their prophets... That's where the people miss it. They don't believe their prophets. They don't believe... They don't believe what Peter said was all right on the day of Pentecost. They don't believe that's right. They don't believe what Paul said--the same thing Peter did--and said, "If an angel from heaven preaches any other word, let him be accursed." They don't believe that. See? They don't believe it. And they didn't believe their prophets. If they'd have knowed, they'd know that Isaiah said, "There'll be a voice of one crying in the wilderness that'll prepare the way before the Lord." **They should've knowed it.** He was a prophet, a prince of the prophets. He told them, but they didn't believe it. No, no. He said, "There's a Messiah coming."

**170 This man was a man sent from God. Oh, brother. He had no following.** God give him a following, a little flock, just like He did Elijah. God give him his following. He didn't get it from some political organization. He preached the Word, stayed on God's Word, and God give him a little flock. Elijah stayed on God's Word. God give him a little flock.

**This man had no cooperation.** He had no following, no cooperation, belonged to no denomination, asked for nothing, and feared nothing. That was John. **Why? He was a man sent from God.** That's the reason he stood. He was the Elijah standing there to prove to the people that the Messiah was coming. He said, "I'm the voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness, as saith the prophet Isaiah. Prepare to meet the Lord."

**172** Them Pharisees and Sadducees stood out there and argued about their coats and things. Right while they were arguing and fussing about it, **right into the midst of them come the Messiah walking.** John said, "Behold, there He is." Hallelujah.

Watch him. He hadn't introduced Him. "There He is. He's standing right among you now." About that time, the heavens roared, Jesus walked into the water, and John bare record, seeing 'the Spirit of God like a dove coming down, a Voice screaming "This is My beloved Son in Whom I'm pleased to dwell in." Oh, my, my.

John said, "Now, I must decrease; He'll increase." Oh, what a prophet. A sign to Israel. Yes, sir.

**175** He was a man sent from God, though his father was a priest. Oh, yes. His father Zacharias was a priest. But did you notice, **God wouldn't let that prophet get mixed up with their organizations.** His father would've took him over to the school of theology, to the great so-and-so denomination, made him a fine minister, you know, and trained him all up and give him a whole lot of stuff he oughtn't to had. **But God wouldn't let his soul get contaminated. Do you understand? He couldn't let that man get mixed up with organizations.** He didn't belong to any of them, no sect, Pharisee, Sadducees, or Herodian, or whatever it might be. God wouldn't permit it.

### **63-1114 INFLUENCE**

**155** He said, "No. I'm not even worthy to touch His shoes." He said, "But He is One... **There is One standing among you.**"

**156** Oh, my, don't think I'm excited! I know where I am. No, but it just feels good when I get to thinking about that, see, "there is One among you." And I say that tonight. **There is One among you, the great Holy Spirit promised to be poured out in the last day.** I see His sign constantly, and I know He is the Messiah because He still does the Messiah sign.

**157** There He stood among them. He said, "There is One among you. I'm not worthy to touch His shoes, to unlatch His shoes. He is the One that'll baptize with the Holy Ghost and Fire."

**158** And one day, walking from out of their midst come an ordinary Man, walked out. John looked up, and he said, "Behold, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." And when he did, he saw. He said, "I knew Him because there was a sign following Him." And watch here, there's two of the greatest men on earth, standing face to face. John...

**166** John, the prophet. The Word comes to His prophet. And the Word come exactly to the prophet. "It is becoming," it says behooveth, which means, "becoming to us that we fulfill all righteousness."

**167** Oh, how I could leave the text now for a minute, how it's becoming to us to fulfill all righteousness! The hour is here, something, we must fulfill all righteousness. We know what to do. See, we should do it, that's right, believe with all of our heart.

**168** Notice, then, we find that John humbled himself in the Presence of God.

**169** The thing of it is, people, my brother, sister, and friends, is to be conscious of your littleness. See? Don't be conscious of how big you are. Be conscious in how little

you are. You're small. We're all that way. God can do without us, but we can't do without Him. See? See? We, we can't do without Him, but He can do without us.

**170** God is only trying to find one person He can get in His hands. He has always tried to do that. You notice, all down through the Bible, when He found an Isaiah, when He found a Jeremiah. Then He found Samson, one day; but Samson gave his strength to God, but he gave his heart to Delilah. See, he...

**171** You've got to give your all to God; your reverence, your respects, your everything that you are. Just be nothing, just see how little you are, and that's what God wants us to do. And that's real humility. That's the way these Seraphims are in His Presence, you see, with Their face in reverence, covered; Their feet, in humility.

**172** Now, thirdly, They could fly. They had two wings that put Them in action.

**173** God is showing His prophet here what kind of a servant He has prepared, reverent, humble, and in action. That, see, that's a real servant of God, these who look upon Him. He was looking upon Hezekiah that got lifted up, and fell by pride. But a servant, His servants in before Him, is reverent, humble, and in action. His servants, that's the way they should be dressed; dressed in reverence, humility, and constantly about the Father's business. Yes, sir. Reverent, humble, in action.

**174** Just like the little woman, we spoke of the other night, at the well. Now, she was a little predestinated seed laying in her heart, but, as soon as that Light flashed upon there and she seen that was the Messiah, it didn't take her long to go in action. She even forgot the waterpot that she had in her hand. That's how quick she went into action. She had to tell the people. She had to tell somebody else, because that she was sure that she had found the Messiah. Into the city she went, and quickly she went into action, telling people.

**175** It was Peter, when he was fished all night, and was sitting on the bank that morning. When Jesus borrowed his boat, and had thrust out a little from the bank, and was preaching to the people. And then He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep, and let down for the draught. Let down."

**176** Well, Simon said, "I'm a fisherman. I know when the moon and signs are right. I know when the fish is running. I was born on this lake here. I've fished all night and haven't took even a minnow. I haven't taken a thing." Said, "There is no fish in there. But at Thy Word," there you are, "I'll lay down the net." Oh, you might...

**177** **We can't figure these things out, you. And God is past figuring out. You've got to believe It, see. God is known not by knowledge, not by education. He is known by faith, and faith only.**

- 178** "At Thy Word! I know there is no fish there. But Thy Word, if You said, 'let down, there is fish there,' You'll, faith will put it there. That's all. I'll let down the net."
- 179** If people sitting here, that's sick and needs help from God, if you say, "I've been through every prayer line, I--I've done everything, but, at Thy Word, I'm going to let down the net. I'm coming right now, and I'm going to receive it. I believe I'm in His Presence. And I'm..." And recognize that, with humility, and sincerity and reverence. Let down the net. Take a hold of it. God said so, and that makes it so!
- 180** And we find out, as soon as he, being a fisherman and know what it was to catch a good shipload of fish, and he was a poor man, but quickly he went in action when Jesus said "from henceforth you'll catch men." It didn't take him very long. He humbled himself, fell down before Christ, said, "Depart from me, Lord; I'm a sinful man." Said, "I just can't stay in Your Presence."
- 181** The same thing Isaiah did. He said, "I'm a man of sinful lips, and I dwell among sinful people." Oh, what a condition he was in!
- 182** Peter said the same thing, and he humbled himself, got down on his face and asked the Lord to depart from him. He said, "Fear not, Peter, from henceforth you're going to catch men." And he got in action right quick.
- 183** One time, there was a blind man that Jesus healed. It didn't take him very long to go in action; he went in action, spreading His fame everywhere. Someone come up and said, "Why, who healed you?" the priest did. He said, told him Who healed him.
- 184** First they asked the father and mother. And the mother said... Well, now, they was afraid, because if--if anybody confessed Jesus, why, they was going to put them out of the synagogue. And they put it back onto their poor son. They said, "He is of age. Ask him."  
And he said, "One, Jesus of Nazareth, healed me."
- 185** He said, "Why, give God praise!" Said, "We, we are. We don't know nothing about this Jesus of Nazareth." Said, "He is a sinner. Don't give Him no praise; give it all to God. And now we don't know whence He come."
- 186** Well, this blind man had a very good question for them. And he said, "It's a mighty strange thing. That you all are the spiritual leaders today, and this Man opened my blinded eyes, and I was born blind, and yet you don't know where He come from. See, now that's a strange thing."
- 187** Could I say the same thing? The very God that promised to come upon His church, in this last day, and they haven't got the answer. **The one who receives has got the answer.**

**188** Said, "Whether He is a sinner or not, I can't say that. But one thing I know; where I was once blind, I can now see."