

Obvious

I have chosen this title for reasons that will be obvious very quickly in my commentary. What I am about to explain comes from John chapter 9 in the New Testament.

This entire chapter is about a man born blind. There may be many reasons medically for this happening but the Lord explains why fairly quickly. His disciples asked a question as they passed the man born blind “Master” who sinned this man or his parents that he was born blind?

Now Jesus being ever gracious did not point out the obvious. He did however say that it was so He could show that He was the Light of the world. Let’s do a little thinking. How could this man sin so that he would be born blind unless he was able sin in his mother’s womb? Next if his parent’s sin caused him to be blind at birth, then every one of us would have been born blind. I call this an obvious conclusion.

Now I want to look at the Pharisees when they heard of this healing. They expressed that Jesus was a sinner because He healed on the Sabbath. It is obvious they did not care about this man only their power and authority.

Okay let’s look at the parents. When questioned they threw their son under the bus so to speak because they more concerned about their religion than the son’s welfare. What should have been obvious to them is that God did a great miracle in him. It also became obvious they were more concerned about praise from men than the welfare of their son. Fear of man became obvious at this point. I guess they figured he was already to great burden to them.

Now let us look at the son who had been healed. When the Pharisees questioned him it was obvious they were trying to find guilt because they said give glory to God we know this man is a sinner. Now that was an obvious lie because the man healed from blindness proved them wrong. I’m sure while being healed from blindness in the flesh the Lord went further into the spirit giving him this answer. If Jesus were a sinner God would not answer and no healing would be given. It was not yet obvious that Jesus was God in the flesh and had authority to heal.

What was obvious is that Lord does not hear a prayer of the sinner unless they cry out for salvation, that He always hears!

He does not hear an insincere prayer no matter how important to us. He is not a puppet to manipulate for our own gain. Now that should be obvious. He wants our love first of all. (Just a side note)

Now Jesus found this man later after the Pharisees thrown him out of the synagogue. It was obvious Jesus did not wait for the man after washing his eyes because the man did not recognize Him later. Now He reveals Himself to the man as the Son of God and the man immediately worships Him. He revealed this to very few at this point. Therefore this man was given a privilege early on. Jesus then revealed to many present that think they see and are actually blind. Humility was needed The man born blind was humbled by the Glory shown by Jesus and was thankful. (obvious)

The one thing I find quite obvious is the arrogance of the Pharisees that caused them to throw the man born blind out of the synagogue because he gave them an answer full of wisdom.

I recommend everyone actually read John chapter 9 and meditate on what is not said. This is a good practice when reading all scripture because many things will become obvious that we may actually enjoy what we are reading. Wisdom is for everyone that wants to know God. Remember to take along humility that you may enjoy.

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