

Matthew 9:27-31 Made Able to See

Introduction: As Jesus left the home of Jairus there were two blind men waiting. They wanted to be able to see.

I. The event that took place.

- A. The two blind men began to cry out to Jesus to try to gain His attention. Verse 27
- B. Jesus outwardly paid them no heed, but went His way down the road.
 - 1. He was well aware of their presence and their need.
 - 2. But He showed no sign of hearing them.
- C. The two blind men followed after Jesus.
 - 1. This must have been very difficult to do.
 - 2. They were dependent on sound not sight.
 - 3. They cried out all the while for mercy. (Thou son of David, have mercy on us.)
 - 4. They followed Jesus all the way from the home of Jairus to the home of a disciple where Jesus usually stayed. Verse 28
- D. There were two probable reasons that Jesus did not answer them.
 - 1. He knew their faith, but He wanted the crowd to see their faith demonstrated by following Him.
 - 2. They addressed Him as “thou Son of David,” a term equal to the term Messiah. (He had not publicly admitted being the Messiah at this point. He did not want a public effort made to crown Him as King. He wanted men to accept Him as Savior.)
- E. But once at His destiny, the two blind men followed Jesus inside the house.
 - 1. They did not wait outside this time. (Desperate)
 - 2. Jesus asked if they believed He could heal them.
 - 3. They answered “Yes.” (Had demonstrate this.)
 - 4. Jesus healed them and they could see. Verse 29
- F. Jesus strictly forbid them to tell anyone. Verse 31
(They were so overjoyed, they told all.) Verse 32

II. The things we see pictured in this event.

- A. We see a picture of spiritual blindness.
 - 1. As these two men were physically blind even so all mankind has become spiritually blind.
 - 2. Adam ate the forbidden fruit and it blinded him spiritually. (This was far worse than if he had been physically blinded.)
 - 3. The blindness was hereditary. (All inherited the sin nature and the spiritual blindness.)
 - 4. The only way man's blindness can be removed is to be saved by the grace of God.
- B. We see a picture of man's longing to be saved.
 - 1. These two men were desperate in their desire to be able to see.
 - 2. Even so when a man becomes aware that he is a lost sinner on the road to hell, he becomes desperate to be saved. (I wanted to be saved just as desperately as those men wanted to be healed.)
- C. We see pictured the way to be saved.
 - 1. The way for those men to be healed was Jesus.
 - 2. Even so the way for the lost sinner to be saved is Jesus.
 - 3. The lost person does not need to seek baptism, church membership, nor self-righteousness; what he needs to do is to seek Jesus. (Need to trust Jesus.)

- D. We see pictured the change that comes when one is saved.
 - 1. These were blind, but were made able to see.
 - 2. Even so a great change takes place when one is saved. (Cleansed from sin, born anew inwardly so that the inward man cannot sin; sees the light in spiritual matters so that he begins to learn truth, will never be filled with darkness again.)
- E. We see that the saved are to obey the Lord. (See a picture of disobedience.)
 - 1. These two men disobeyed and told all that Jesus had healed them.
 - 2. That is not the way a saved person is to do; rather he is to obey the Lord. (We may not be submissive in all things, but we should be in all things.)

Conclusion:

- 1. I may be preaching to someone today who is struggling in the darkness of sin. I am asking you right now to cry out to Jesus for mercy.
- 2. I am calling on all who are already saved to submit your life to Jesus.

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