

Blind-Begging-Blessed-Believing

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FACT 1:Blind since Birth

Verse 1

Physically and Spiritually-

Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and **in sin** did my mother conceive me.

I Cor. 4:3-4 **3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. **4** In their case the god of this world has **blinded** the minds of the **unbelievers**, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Why this man? "But that he works of God might be displayed in him"

Our blindness, even as sighted believers, often needs God's corrective lenses to perceive aright

Fact 2: Begging for Sustenance

Verse 8

Inability to "see" keeps us from finding the answer to our need- we grope in the darkness
In those days the blind were most often relegated to being a beggar-as such dependent on the altruism of others...and often eating mere crumbs, not seeing the banquet just before them

Are we still here in this place?

Fact 3: Blessed with sight

Verses 5-7

The dust we were made from, along with God's DNA, used to bring sight!

Washing in the pool-cleansing from sin

Now who wouldn't be ecstatic over this!

The trail of darkness exposed- twisting the miracle with an evil, willful blind pattern of sin

Abuse of "spiritual" authority- not for God's glory but building their own "kingdom"

Matthew 23-passage of 7 woes

"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! "Woe to you, blind guides"

You blind fools!" "You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred?"

False flag of "Sabbath" sin accorded to Jesus

Even with the truth spoken in agreement +the Truth expressed

"One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

His healing was fact!! Even though, the stubborn blind 1's

CAST HIM OUT of the pseudo "Kingdom"

Fact 4: True Belief naturally leads to Worship

Verses 35-39

The pressure of persecution enables real worship

Sight restored-Light acknowledged-Judgment averted

Warning Verse 40-41

Do you say you are able to see? But do the works of the Liar? Your guilt remains

Isaiah 29:18-19 In that day *the deaf shall hear* the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of *the blind shall see*. *The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the*

Holy One of Israel