



Part 10 – Opening Blind Eyes
John 9

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A **miracle** is an extraordinary work of God, going beyond the ordinary powers of nature, of which God has a distinct **purpose** in mind.

I. The Story

Exodus 20:5 “I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.”

A. The Bible gives us at least three reasons for sickness:

1. There is a sickness unto **chastisement**.
2. There is a sickness unto **death**.
3. There is a sickness unto the works and **glory of God**.

It is a sickness or a handicap that God allows so that either:

- a. It can be **healed** supernaturally.
- b. It can build a **ministry**.
- c. It can build **character**.

B. In verses 4-5 Jesus is saying:

1. God has a **purpose** for every situation and every person we encounter.

2. We are on assignment from Him in a world that is in spiritual darkness.
3. We have a **time limit** to get the job done God has called us to do.
4. Don't waste your life on things that don't matter. Put your energy into making your life count by touching those God brings into your life.

II. WHEN **TRADITION** - BECOMES MORE IMPORTANT THAN LOVE. (John 9:13-25)

- A. To love your neighbor as yourself really means to do to others as you would want them to do to **you**.
- B. The opposite of Golden Rule is an attitude of a **judgmental** spirit.

Matthew 7:1-5 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. 3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye."

C. How can we tell when we are having an improper judgmental spirit against another?

1. When we criticize and condemn just because someone is **different**.
2. When we gossip in such a way that lowers someone else's view of another.
3. When we decide that we know other's **motives**.
4. When we are trying to make others accountable to our own **personal convictions**.

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