

# **THE BEGINNING OF SIGHT**

## **JOHN 9:1-12**

### **I. THE LORD'S DISCLOSURE OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS A GREAT INEQUALITY IN THE WORLD (9:1-3)**

- A. The Disciples Propose, Even Within Their Question, What To Many People Is The Obvious Answer: "It Must Be Sin In Their Life" (9:2)
- B. The Issue Is Whether Or Not God Judges Children For The Sin Of Their Parents
  - 1. What About The Teaching Of Exodus 20:5; Exodus 34:7?
  - 2. There Is No Doubt That Everything Negative In The Human Experience Is Due To The Consequence Of The Fall
  - 3. But When It Comes Down To Individual Cases, The Teaching Of Scripture Falls Under One Of Five Categories
    - a. Suffering Could Be Because Of Sin In General
    - b. Suffering Could Come As A Result Of Church Discipline
    - c. Suffering Could Come From The Devil
    - d. Suffering Could Not Come As A Punishment For Someone Else's Sin (9:3; Ezekiel 18)
    - e. Suffering Could Be A Catalyst To A Glorious Display Of The Works Of God (9:3)

### **II. THE LORD'S EXPLANATION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION (9:4-5)**

- A. There Is Someone Currently Working In The Earth (9:4a)
- B. The Day Is Coming When Men Will Lose Whatever Short Window Of Opportunity They Had (9:4b-5)

### **III. THE LORD GRANTED PHYSICAL SIGHT TO A MAN WHICH IN TURN BEGAN TO OPEN HIS SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING (9:6-7)**

- A. The Lord Employed Earth And Spittle To Display Something About Himself (9:6)

B. The Lord Employed The Man's Obedient Response (9:7)

**IV. THE WHOLE THING WAS BEAUTIFULLY CONFIRMED (9:8-12)**

A. The Record Is One Of Constant And Seemingly Endless Activity And Conversation (9:8-11)

B. At This Point, The Healed Man's Testimony Is Incomplete (9:12)