The Miracle of the Man Born Blind

(John 9:1 - 41)

<u>Verse to memorize</u>: "I am the light of the world." John 9:5 <u>Lessons of the Miracle</u>:

- 1. God doesn't miss a chance to do good without profiting from it.
- 2. The sufferings and tribulations of this world are not punishments. God may be glorified through a tribulation that can last for a long time; therefore we should never worry.
- 3. God wants us to do what we can: He could have healed the man immediately, but instead, He asked him to go and wash. When he did, he was healed.
- 4. God's power is revealed in Jesus Christ when He created from clay an eye for the blind man just as He created Adam from dust.
- 5. The blind man:
 - **§** was obedient: he did as Jesus asked him to do...., and he came back seeing.
 - § was honest: he told the story as it happened (the man named Jesus made....)
 - § did not argue about what he was not sure of (I do not know if he is a sinner or not,...)
 - § confirmed what he was sure of (one thing I know I was blind, now I see)
 - § did not want to enter in a meaningless conversation with the Jews, when they asked him the same question again: "I have already told you, and you would not listen".
 - § argued very logically (.....unless this man came from God, he would not be able to do such things.)
 - § was strong in his belief: he was not afraid of the Jews, but argued against them
 - **§** believed in Jesus and was grateful to him: "I believe, Lord" and he knelt down before Jesus.
- 6. His parents:
 - **§** were afraid of the Jews (He is old enough, ask him)
- 7. Most of the Pharisees:
 - **§** hardened their hearts and resisted the faith
 - § cared about worthless details: "Was he born blind? Why did He do that on the Sabbath?"
 - § started to attack the man instead of discussing logically: "they cursed him", "you are born and raised in sin and you are trying to teach us", and they threw him out of the synagogue.
- 8. Some Pharisees:
 - § Started to think logically; "how could a man, who is a sinner, do such mighty works as these"

The Result of the Miracle:

God came to the world to give the sight of faith to the simple. As for those who proclaimed to be knowledgeable with books, their pride has made them blind.

What should we do?

- Give thanks to God because He gave us many blessings such as the blessing of sight.
- By obedience and faith, God is able to give us everything we need because He loves us and cares about us.

