

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for May 14-15, 2005**

**"The Blind Man's Healing Investigated"**

**John 9:13-18**

The first aspect of the healing was the problem (John 9:1)

The second aspect of the healing was the purpose (John 9:2-5).

The third aspect of the healing was the power (John 9:6-7).

The fourth aspect of the healing was the perplexity (John 9:8-12).

The first characteristic of willful unbelief is that it sets false standards (John 9:13-16).

I believe that the neighbors and acquaintances of this former blind man brought him to the Pharisees because the Pharisees asked them to bring him.

The Pharisees, having heard about the healing of the blind man by Christ on the Sabbath day, would have wanted to interrogate the blind man in order to confirm the healing (John 9:14).

The confirmation by the former blind man produced a divided response among the Pharisees (John 9:16).

The division among the Pharisees could be represented as a battle between competing syllogisms in John 9:16.

A syllogism is an argument based on simple logic containing two premises and a conclusion. If the premises are correct, then the conclusion will be correct.

The first syllogism concluded that Jesus was not from God. This was an incorrect conclusion because the minor premise embraced a false standard of what constituted keeping the Sabbath.

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Though the premises contained in the second syllogism were correct, and the conclusion obvious, this second group of Pharisees failed to state their syllogism strongly.

The second characteristic of willful unbelief is that it continually seeks more evidence (John 9:17).

When this blind man identified Jesus as a prophet, he was communicating that he believed that Jesus was a man through whom God was working.

People who continually are seeking more and more evidence, while discounting the evidence they already have, are the people most likely guilty of being willfully unbelieving.

Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary (Galatians 6:9).