

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for June 11-12, 2005

"To Believe or Not to Believe"

John 9:36-38

Spiritual sight is the product of divine initiative (John 9:35).

Spiritual sight comes to those who are prepared to believe in Him (John 9:36).

When the blind man addressed Jesus and asked Him to identify the Messiah, he addressed Him as "lord" which was equivalent to our word "sir."

This former blind man had been given enough instruction over the course of his life that he understood perfectly what Christ meant when he was asked if he believed in the "Son of Man."

When Christ miraculously healed this former blind man, he began to look to Christ as the source of divine truth.

When the blind man was put out of the synagogue, it accentuated his sense of spiritual need.

Spiritual sight requires that the person who is prepared to believe is actually given the opportunity to believe (John 9:37).

When Jesus identified Himself in the way that He did, He gave the former blind man the opportunity to believe in Him as the Messiah.

Spiritual sight only comes to those who, when given the opportunity to believe, actually do so (John 9:38).

Because the spiritual eyes of the former blind man were opened when he believed, his use of the term "lord" in John 9:38 was much more meaningful than it was in John 9:36.

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Spiritual sight results in the worship of Christ (John 9:38).

The word "worship" (PROSKYNEO) means to prostrate oneself before.

I believe that when the blind man prostrated himself before Christ, he was acknowledging Christ's right as Israel's Messiah to rule over his life.

May we, by God's grace, continue to prostrate ourselves before the only begotten Son of God, not only willing to die for Him but also to live for Him.