

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for June 25-26, 2005**

**"To Believe or Not to Believe"**

**John 9:39-41**

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).

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

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

Spiritual blindness will be judged if people do not respond to Christ's rescue mission (John 9:39).

When Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world," He did not mean that He came into this world to send people to hell. In fact, quite the opposite was true.

When Jesus came into this world, His primary purpose was to conduct a rescue mission (John 3:17).

Though Jesus' primary purpose in coming into this world was to conduct a rescue operation, He knew there would be different responses with very different consequences (John 9:39).

When Jesus said that those who "see may become blind," it would appear that Jesus was talking about a blindness that was becoming more and more fixed and perhaps ultimately irreversible.

Spiritual blindness can and should, at times, be confronted (John 9:40-41).

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The Pharisees, in their spiritual blindness, could only see themselves through their own eyes, and not through the eyes of God (John 9:40).

Our protection, as professing Christians, from thinking we see when we are really blind is to ask God for His help in testing the genuineness of our faith (2 Corinthians 13:5).

When Jesus in John 9:41 placed these Pharisees in the group that He described as "seeing" in John 9:40, He in effect declared them spiritually blind.

Hopefully, the last words you hear from Christ will not be like these Pharisees "Your sins remain."