

John # 157 “To Judge Without Judging” John 9:38-41

God is all knowledge, He’s omniscient and He expresses His knowledge to us through:

1. The Word of God the Father which is alive and powerful in Hebrews 4:12.

God expresses His knowledge to us through:

2. The Mind of Christ which we have in written form in 1st Corinthians 2:16.

And finally, God expresses His knowledge to us through: 3. The Voice of the Holy Spirit in Hebrews 3:7.

Note that Paul does not pray for the Colossians

to have an emotional experience, prosperity or even good health; No, this is Paul’s prayer for people he’d never seen, for each believer there to grow up spiritually because out of spiritual maturity comes knowledge, wisdom and therefore, greater spiritual understanding.

And knowledge of God brings confidence in God when it’s transferred to the human spirit and cycled through the soul as wisdom and that means even greater trust in God and His plan for us!

Demon influence is the brainwashing or better yet, soul-washing of the personality of anyone living in Satan’s world system and there are degrees of such influence depending on how long someone has accepted the devil’s plan.

And so, demon influence is a thought transferring of satanic philosophy to the mind; the invasion of the soul, the emotion and the self-consciousness of a willing participant.

And demon influence isn’t always expressed in terms of evil but rather in terms of improving this world, doing nice things for fellow man, supporting crusades designed to promote self as the hero.

People who are preoccupied with themselves, always seeking pleasure and attention for themselves, have no time and no place for truth, so, instead they substitute self-indulgence.

Just as the devil invented his world system, he also invented sin but Jesus Christ destroyed the basis for Satan’s entire system when He judged all sin at the cross.

Through arrogant self-centered living instead of spiritual living, the Pharisees were continuing in a lifestyle of spiritual death by living according to Satan’s world system.

Loving Satan’s world system means demonic influence on our motivations, our thought patterns, our decision making and our actions.

As leader of all fallen angels and ruler of planet earth, Satan has been able to formulate a world system which is an intricate body of thoughts, opinions, speculations and false doctrines built upon panaceas, schemes of all categories for deceit along with policies and objectives through which he seeks to control the world he rules.

Achievement arrogance such as the Pharisees had is the blasphemy of taking achievement away from God and placing it in one’s own hands.

Self-centered arrogance is the direct route to demon influence which can only be avoided through life inside the experiential plan of God; so resistance is a matter of learning biblical

truth through reception, retention and recall.

And what really matters is retention first, which is Bible knowledge converted into applicable Bible wisdom.

It is possible for a brand-new believer with only salvation doctrine in his soul to worship the Lord because true worship is a soul response to Who and what the Lord God is and that alone constitutes worship, period.

Those with a background in religion cannot have love at first sight for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The more this man gets to know the Lord Jesus, the more he will love Him!

Question: Who had the greater handicap; the blind beggar of John 9 or Saul of Tarsus?

1st Timothy 1:15 “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.”

After salvation, our love for the Lord Jesus has to grow but His love for us never grows because it is given to us at full capacity from the very beginning.

All worship is based on biblical truth in the soul and not how well we can sing or how pious is our expression.

If you come in, meaning you’re saved without freedom from religion, you’ll need a complete flushing from religious thinking.

The Lord Jesus had two purposes regarding people: 1. To call His sheep to save them and 2. To judge the goats.

No one is born religious, it takes learning and practice after that.

Religion always blinds the soul.

The Pharisees understood the issue but because of their negative attitude, they rejected the issue.

Those who reject God’s gracious gift of His Son must accept their human good as a substitute causing them function under the sin nature.

The irony here is that the Pharisees had physical sight along with spiritual blindness and the man born blind has outstanding spiritual sight!

So, who’s better off?

John 9 Conclusion:

1. Man’s religion always opposes God’s truth.

2. Physical disability is not always the result of personal sin.

3. The Lord Jesus healed believers and unbelievers.

4. Loyalty to our Lord must supersede our allegiance to people.

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John 9 Conclusion continued:

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7. Faith alone in Christ alone begins the process of experiential sanctification or spiritual growth.

8. Jesus is the God-man Messiah.

9. The once blind man believes in the Good Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ and for that, he's cast out of the synagogue by the false shepherds.