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# [**John 9:1-41**](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.1-41)**– Healing the Blind Man**

[**1**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-1.htm)As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. [**2**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-2.htm)And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?” [**3**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-3.htm)Jesus answered, “*It was* neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so that the **works** of God might be displayed in him. [**4**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-4.htm)“We must **work** the **works** of Him who sent Me **as long as [until]** it is day; night is coming when no one can **work**. [**5**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-5.htm)“While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.” [**6**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-6.htm)When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, [**7**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-7.htm)and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of **Siloam**” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing. [**8**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-8.htm)Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?” [**9**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-9.htm)Others were saying, “This is he,” *still* others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.” [**10**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-10.htm)So they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?” [**11**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-11.htm)He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to **Siloam** and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.” [**12**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-12.htm)They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not **know**.”

[**13**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-13.htm)They brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind. [**14**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-14.htm)Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. [**15**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-15.htm)Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” [**16**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-16.htm)Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others were saying, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And there was a division among them. [**17**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-17.htm)So they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.” [**18**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-18.htm)The Jews then did not believe *it* of him, that he had been blind and had received sight, **until** they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight, [**19**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-19.htm)and questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?” [**20**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-20.htm)His parents answered them and said, “We **know** that this is our son, and that he was born blind; [**21**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-21.htm)but how he now sees, we do not **know**; or who opened his eyes, we do not **know**. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” [**22**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-22.htm)His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had **already** agreed that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. [**23**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-23.htm)For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”[**24**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-24.htm)So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God; we **know** that this man is a sinner.” [**25**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-25.htm)He then answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not **know**; one thing I do **know**, that though I was blind, now I see.” [**26**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-26.htm)So they said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” [**27**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-27.htm)He answered them, “I told you **already** and you did not listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?” [**28**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-28.htm)They reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. [**29**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-29.htm)“We **know** that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not **know** where He is from.” [**30**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-30.htm)The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not **know** where He is from, and *yet* He opened my eyes. [**31**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-31.htm)“We **know** that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him. [**32**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-32.htm)“Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. [**33**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-33.htm)“If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” [**34**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-34.htm)They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” So they put him out.

[**35**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-35.htm)Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” [**36**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-36.htm)He answered, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?” [**37**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-37.htm)Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.” [**38**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-38.htm)And he said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him. [**39**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-39.htm)And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind.” [**40**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-40.htm)Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?” [**41**](http://biblehub.com/john/9-41.htm)Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

**Interesting Words**

##### ****works****

(ἔργον Greek) – ergon- (noun) work, task, employment; a deed, action; that which is wrought or made, a work, a deed (action) that carries out (completes) an inner desire (intension, purpose) – [John 5:19](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%205.19), [20](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%205.20);

##### ****work****

(ἐργάζομαι Greek) – ergazomai – (verb) work, trade, perform, do, practice, commit, acquire by labor, middle or passive voice. – [John 6:28](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%206.28);

##### ****Siloam****

(Σιλωάμ Greek) – Silóam- Siloam, a spring within the walls, in the south-east corner of Jerusalem. – [Luke 13:4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Luke%2013.4); [John 9:11](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.11);  
(שִׁלֹחַ Hebrew) – ‘a sending out,’ ‘gushing forth’ (of water), from אָיַב; יִלּוד, ‘born’, from יָלַד, ‘to bring forth’ – [Isa 8:6](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Isa%208.6); [Neh 3:15](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Neh%203.15);

##### ****know****

(οἶδα Greek) – eidó – be aware, behold, consider, perceive, know, remember, appreciate, properly, to see with physical eyes. – [Matt 9:6-7](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%209.6-7); all 11 occurrences in [John 9](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209), translated “know”.

##### ****until****

(ἕως Greek) – heós- till, until, as far as, up to, as much as – [John 9:4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.4), [18](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.18);

##### ****already****

(ἤδη Greek) – édé- already; now at length, now after all this waiting, a temporal adverb, “a point of time preceding another point of time and implying completion, ‘already’ – [John 3:18](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%203.18); [John 4:35 KJV](https://biblia.com/bible/kjv1900/John%204.35);

##### ****see****

(βλέπω Greek) – blepó- (primarily physical), I look at, see, perceive, discern, “to see something physical, with spiritual results (perception) – [Matt 12:22](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Matt%2012.22); [Luke 8:10](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/Luke%208.10); Nine occurrences in [John 9](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209) translated “see”;

**Cross References**

▪︎ [John 8:12](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%208.12) – Jesus is the light of the world.  
▪︎ [John 16:2](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2016.2), [3John 1:9](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/3%20John%201.9),[10](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/3John%201.10) – Several warnings of being put out of the fellowship.  
▪︎ [John 12:42](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2012.42), [43](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2012.43), [19:38](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2019.38), [20:19](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%2020.19) – Many afraid of being put out of the synagogue.

**Discussion Questions**

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###### 1****. In****[John 9:3-4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.3-4)****, Jesus uses the plural pronoun “we”. Who do you think He is refering to by the word “we”?****

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###### 2****. The verb “work” in****[John 9:4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.4)****is in the middle or passive voice. What does this imply?****

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###### 3. ****What does Jesus mean in****[John 9:4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.4)****when He says “I am the light of the world”?****

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###### 4. ****What does the****[John 9:3-4](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.3-4)****imply about the purposes of God and how does that apply to your life?****

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###### 5.****How would you describe the narative of Jesus healing the blind man?****

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###### 6.****Why was there confusion about the identity of the blind man? How did the blind man convince the crowd of his identity?****

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###### 7.****How would you grade the blind man’s logic in****[John 9:30-31](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.30-31)****? What import do you see in****[John 9:32-33](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.32-33)****?****

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###### 8.****From****[John 9:39](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.39)****, what was Jesus’ purpose?****

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###### 9.****What did the Pharisee perceive from the discussion in****[John 9:41](https://biblia.com/bible/nasb95/John%209.41)****?****

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