

A SON BORN BLIND

(John 9:1-41)

- Introduction:
1. God has used and continues to use people with disabilities to impart his will to men.
 2. In a book entitled, "*All God's Children: Ministry With Disabled Persons*," a mother tells of her two retarded children, "God has not chosen to heal them. He is pleased to use them."
 3. John 9 tells us of how Jesus used a disabled person to bring glory to God.
 4. In this story, there are three very distinct reactions to Jesus - with which class do you identify?

I. The Class Represented By The Pharisees

- A. They saw and heard the testimony of this miracle.
- B. They refused to believe that Jesus was from God (9:16).
- C. Their minds were closed and cast the man out of the synagogue and accused Jesus of sin (9:34).
- D. Do you have a similar attitude?
 1. How willing are you to weigh evidence contrary to an accepted belief?
 2. Are you willing to change beliefs if you are shown to be wrong?

II. The Class Represented By The Parents

- A. (9:19-23).
- B. They wanted to be neutral.
- C. They were afraid of the consequences of getting involved with Jesus.
- D. (Matthew 12:30).
- E. (Mark 8:38).
- F. Are you a nominal Christian with no intention of really getting involved?
- G. (Revelation 3:16).

III. The Class Represented By The Blind Man

- A. He shared with others what Jesus had done for him (9:11).
- B. He boldly affirmed that Jesus was a prophet of God (9:17).
- C. He was afraid what his peers would think or do (9:30-33).
- D. Though he suffered the consequence of his conviction, he also enjoyed the reward of his conviction (9:41).
- E. Are you like this blind man in faith and action?

- Conclusion:
1. Evaluate your life and determine which character in this story best portrays your life.
 2. If need be, accept Christ by obedience to the gospel and live a committed life for him.