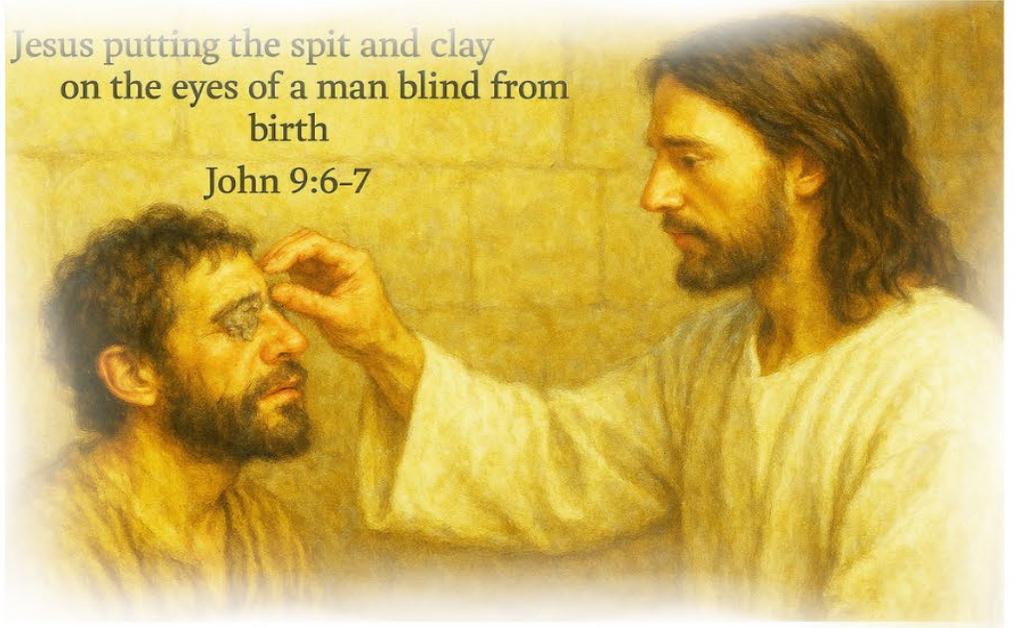


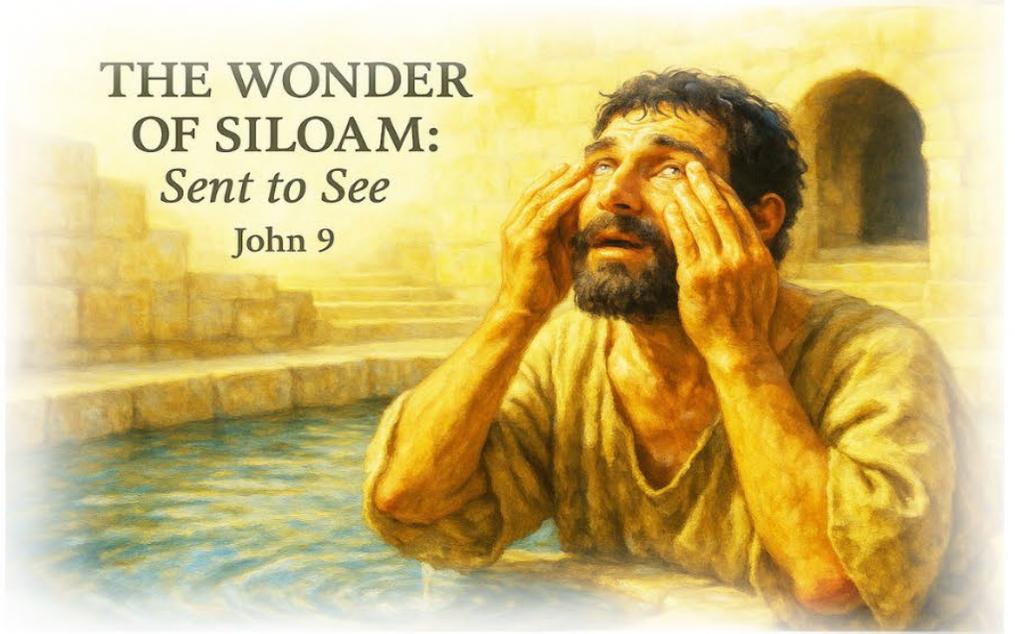
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SIGHT AND SALVATION

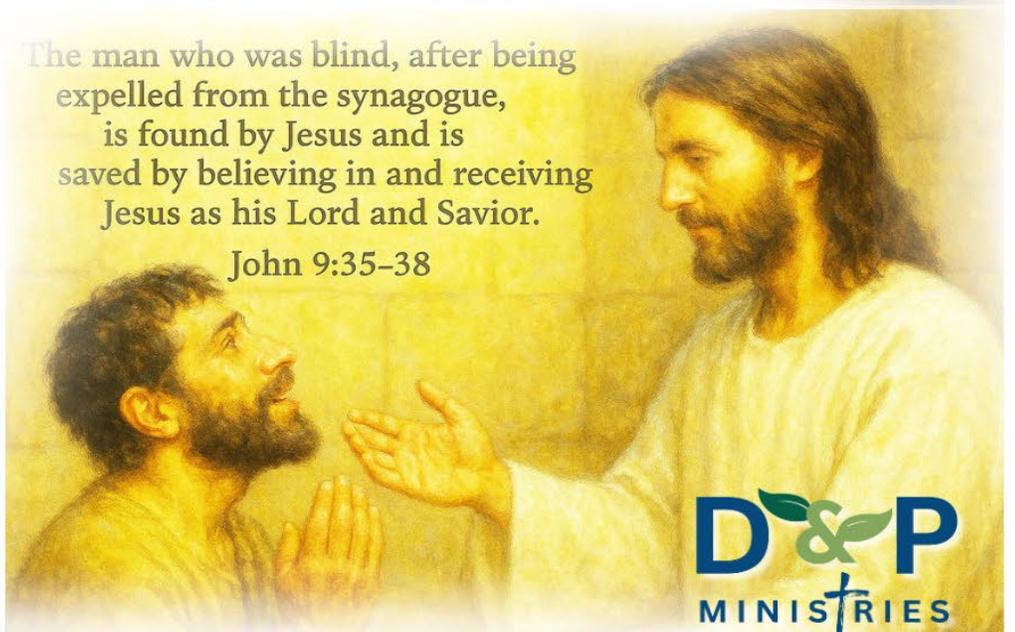
Jesus putting the spit and clay
on the eyes of a man blind from
birth
John 9:6-7



THE WONDER
OF SILOAM:
Sent to See
John 9



The man who was blind, after being
expelled from the synagogue,
is found by Jesus and is
saved by believing in and receiving
Jesus as his Lord and Savior.
John 9:35-38



THE WONDER OF SILOAM

Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth (Joh 9:40_b41).

Jesus was passing by. He saw a man born blind. He had never seen the sky or his mother's face. And yet Jesus saw him. That alone is a wonder that our Lord notices the unnoticed. The disciples, like many of us, wanted to debate the cause: "Who sinned, this man or his parents?" But Jesus did not come to assign blame; He came to display the works of God. He replied, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him."

Then Jesus did something curious. He spit on the ground, made clay, and anointed the blind man's eyes. Why clay? Why spit? Perhaps it was a sign of creation echoing Genesis when God formed man from the dust. Here, Jesus was doing a new creative work. But the healing was not complete until the man obeyed. Jesus told him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." John adds a parenthetical note, "which is by interpretation, Sent." That word becomes the key.

Siloam means Sent. The blind man had to go to the place of the Sent One. He had to act in faith on the Word of Christ, who Himself was sent by the Father. In his

obedience, his eyes were opened, and for the first time, he saw. What a wonder that sight came through trust, not through understanding. He did not argue or delay. He went and was healed.

Yet this miracle stirred more confusion than joy. The neighbors didn't believe it was the same man. The Pharisees investigated and interrogated, not to learn but to accuse. Their own spiritual blindness grew darker with every word. "Give God the praise," they said, "we know that this man is a sinner." But the man who had just begun to see had more light than they did. His testimony was simple, unforgettable: "One thing I know: that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

That sentence still echoes through the ages. It is the anthem of every believer touched by Christ.

When the Pharisees cast the man out, Jesus found him again just as He had found him at the beginning. He asked, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" The man, humble and ready, said, "Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?" And Jesus replied, "Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee." What an unspeakable moment: not only did the man gain sight, but he beheld the very face of his Redeemer.

He worshipped Him.

The wonder of this chapter is not just in the healing of the eyes, but in the opening of a heart. Not just in the clay, but in the command. Not just in sight, but in faith. The man washed in Siloam, the place of the Sent One, and through the Sent One, he received more than healing. He received light.

Meanwhile, those who claimed to see remained blind. Jesus closed the chapter with a sobering word: “For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.” Those who thought they had the light rejected it. But the man who sat in darkness received the Light of the world.

Reflection:

Are we quick to explain suffering, like the disciples, or quick to obey, like the blind man?

Do we recognize Jesus as the One sent by the Father, our Siloam?

Are we testifying, “One thing I know...” or still questioning in unbelief?

Your life that you live now determines your place in Christ's eternal kingdom, as written in Revelation 21.

Prayer:

O Lord, open our eyes to see You as the Sent One, our Light in the darkness.

May we never be content with knowledge alone, but seek healing by Your Word and respond in faith.

Thank You for seeing us before we saw You, and for touching our lives with mercy and truth.

Keep us from the pride of religion and give us the simplicity of trust.

And like the man once blind, may we worship You without shame or fear. Amen.

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