

THAT GOD'S WORK MAY BE DISPLAYED

The Lord's Flock Worship Service Topic

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Jesus healed a man born blind, revealing His divine power, and distinguishing between physical blindness and the spiritual blindness of those who refuse to believe (John 9:1-37). The story teaches us that suffering is an opportunity for God's works to be displayed, not a result of sin. Thus, like Jesus, we can help heal the spiritual blindness of people who need to be saved.

1. What are the very first sins ever committed that started the spiritual blindness of mankind?

1.1 Pride and Disobedience. Lucifer felt he was the best, leading him to disobey and betray God because he wanted to be like God.

1.2 Lie. The serpent lied to Eve, which started everything that is not good in mankind. We are all considered liars.

2. What causes spiritual blindness?

When the man was healed by Jesus, he moved from darkness to light, gaining not only physical sight, but likewise spiritual sight. Meanwhile, the Pharisees, who claim to see, are considered spiritually blind due to their unbelief. They criticized Jesus for healing the man on a Sabbath. Oftentimes, we are considered spiritually blind like the Pharisees:

2.1. We lack the moral ascendancy to do the right thing, and

2.2. When we are overcome by our own emotions, and in effect fail to exercise critical thinking when it comes to morality.

3. How do we help people who are spiritually blind?

Research shows that about 1.2 billion people worldwide today have no affiliation with any religion. Some seem to have their faith but never practice it. Now, more than ever, people want to be saved.

3.1. We should be aware that people have different emotions, which are difficult to manage. We should not give generous advice without understanding what the other person is feeling and going through. Truly understanding is carrying as a burden what the person is going through. When Jesus cured the blind man, He understood how the man felt; the darkness in the soul and the body caused by the blindness.

3.2. Those who undergo life-threatening experiences question God, failing to realize that God allows for these things to happen in order to make us realize that we owe Him everything. It is His way of waking us up from our spiritual slumber, He being our light. We are sometimes blinded by what is happening in our lives and in the world today. But we struggle to be better than who we are, enlightened by our faith and God's love.

Conclusion:

We should be concerned about what is happening in our family, the church, and the world. We need people who have faith and are willing to help ease the blindness of those seeking to be saved but do not know how. Aside from preachers, it is important to have role models to emulate. Indeed, we should let our light shine before others, so that they may see our good works and give glory to God (Mt. 5:16).

Reflection:

1. What is your blindness in the way you express your love? in the way you express your feelings?
2. Are you willing to spend time and resources to help those considered spiritually blind?

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