The Blindness of Unbelief

John 9:13-34

I. It blinds people in resistance, we must repent. (v. 13-16)

“And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.” (Isaiah 35:4-5; 42:6-7; 61:1; Matthew 11:28-30; 12:1-13; 23:2-4; Mark 2:22-28; Luke 6:1-5; 13:10-16; 14:1-6; John 5:1-18; Hebrews 4:1-11)

“Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.” (Isaiah 35:5; Matthew 11:5; Acts 7:51)

II. It blinds people in arrogance, we must humble ourselves. (v. 17-24)

“What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.” (John 3:1-2; John 4:16, 19, 25-26; 9:7, 18, 35-41)

“for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.” (Proverbs 29:25; Matthew 10:28)

“Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.” (Joshua 7:19; John 5:23)

III. It blinds people in ignorance, we must receive the truth. (v. 25-30)

“What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?” (John 9:10, 15, 19, 26)

“Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is.” (John 1:19-37; 5:45-47; 7:15, 52; 8:33, 48; Matthew 3:11-17; Isaiah 35:5)

“Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes.” (John 3:2; 7:41-42; 8:15; Micah 5:2)

John 5:39-40

IV. It blinds people in defiance, we must submit. (v. 31-34)

“Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.” (Job 27:8-9; Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 1:15; 59:1-2; James 5:17-18)

“Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.” (Psalm 34:15; Proverbs 15:8, 29; Isaiah 35:5; 1 Peter 3:12)

“Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.” (Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12; 2 Corinthians 3:16-18; 4:3-4; John 1:5; 2:15; 6:37; 10:4; 12:31; 16:2)