

It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

Isaiah 55:11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.



A few events that have just transpired before **Matthew 9:27** - -

- The Lord returned to Capernaum with the disciples from the eastern side of the Sea of Galilee (**Mark 5:1 cf. 21**).
- He healed a woman who had suffered for 12 years from an incurable hemorrhage and raised the synagogue official's daughter from the dead (**Mark 5:25-43**).

He then departs the synagogue official's house and heads for Peter's home.

On His way, He encounters two blind men.

Matthew 9:27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, **crying out**,

- **Crying out** – κράζω – **KRAZO** – “Loud cry” – one that can be heard above the crowd
 - Remember the crowd was pressing in upon Him!
 - After He raised the little girl from the dead, the news spread even though He told them not to say anything.
- These two blind men are crying out above the crowd.

“Have mercy on us, Son of David!”

- Here is the first time that Jesus Christ is addressed with the Royal Messianic Title.
- These blind men heard about what Jesus was doing and they knew what the Scriptures said about the Messiah. **WORKS + DOCTRINE + HEBREW SCRIPTURES**
- They came to the realization that He was the descendant that God promised David in **2 Sam. 7:12-13**.

- This is why they address Him, “Son of David.”

“Have mercy on us” - -

Two things associated with Messiah’s arrival in the Hebrew Scriptures:

1. Blessing
2. Judgment

Matthew 3:11 “As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

The kingdom subjects would enter the kingdom when He establishes it and the Son of David – Jesus Christ – will baptize them with the Holy Spirit [*blessing*].

Those who had rejected Him, would be baptized with fire [*judgment*].

The blind men are crying out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” because they are expecting this judgment.

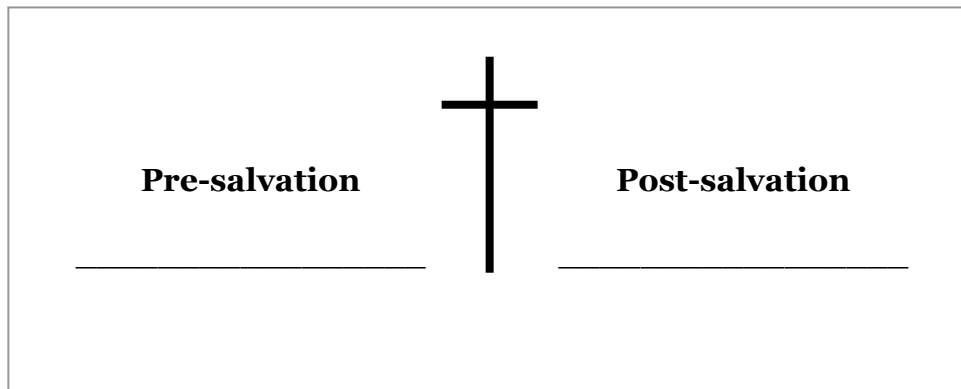
These two blind men not only know who Jesus is, but they are aware of their need for mercy because they are sinners.

Mercy – God withholding that which we deserve

Grace – Unmerited favor of God

POD: When the believer realizes his need and turns dependently upon God in prayer, God magnificently answers.

- God does not help those who help themselves.
- God helps those who realize their need and turn to Him in prayer.
- This is true for salvation and post-salvation.



Personal evangelism is a work in which we must cooperate with God.

POD: Faith sets God in motion to accomplish what we cannot.

In salvation, the convicted sinner turns to God realizing his need to be saved and therefore places his faith in Christ.

In the post-salvation spiritual life, the believer who realizes his inability to meet the high standards of grace turns to God for the needed help to meet those standards.

This is when the Lord begins to train him to walk by faith - - to depend upon God the Holy Spirit to live his life for the glory of God.

Matthew 9:28- When He entered the house [*Peter's*], the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” ²⁹ Then He touched their eyes, saying, “It shall be done to you according to your faith.”

- Please observe the faith of the blind men; it is not whether the Lord will restore their sight but whether He is able.
- Faith expressed in the Person of Christ - - His divine ability to wield authority over their illness.

“Do you believe that I am able to do this?” “Yes, Lord.”

POD: Faith sets the Lord in motion to answer our desires and requests.

³⁰ And their eyes were opened.

POD: Those who believe God *can* are the ones who have a prayer life that glorifies the Lord.

- They are the ones who venture where many do not in the throne of grace.
- All you have to do is believe the Lord is able - and ask away because He lives to answer prayer.

And Jesus sternly warned them:

- **Warned them** - ἐμβριμάομαι – EMBRIMAOMAI - “to scold or to severely warn”

Ἵρᾶτε μηδεὶς γινωσκέτω - - “keep on seeing, nobody is knowing”

This entire thing *was to be* between them and the Lord.

³¹ But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land.

Why do you think the Lord commanded so many people not to say anything?

- Timing of such
- The hysteria would become a distraction to His responsibility of teaching.

POD: The pastor, as a gifted communicator, and board of deacons are responsible to insure that nothing serves as a distraction to the teaching of God’s Word.

- Membership, Money, Music, and Missions are all legitimate things in a local church, but they can serve as distractions to the teaching of God’s Word.
- The pastor and the board must ensure that the flock is not distracted by these things.

Another demon possessed man is brought to the Lord - -

³² As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him.

- **Mute** - κωφός – KOPHOS - a person who is deaf and dumb; speechless [*mute*].

Literally – “dull or blunt”

³³ After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed (*marveled, astounded*) saying, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

- Those who have physical sight are marveling – they are astounded at the miracles.
- Those who are physically blind not only recognize who He is but turn to Him in faith.

POD: Physical blindness is not a handicap from trusting in the Lord and living one’s life for the glory of the Lord.

- - Walk by the Spirit (**Gal 5:16**).
- - Walk by faith and not by sight (**2 Cor. 5:7**).

Now the religious leaders, who are spiritually blind, commit the sin of blasphemy against the Spirit of God.
Again!

These religious leaders are in the crowd doing everything they can to preserve their base of power.

³⁴ But the Pharisees were saying, “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.”

- This is the same accusation made in **Mark 3:19-30**, but a different occasion.

Mark 6:1 Jesus went out from there [*Capernaum*] and came into His hometown [*Nazareth*]; and His disciples followed Him.

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.