

Lesson I.

JESUS GIVES SIGHT TO THE BLIND

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John 9:1-11, 35-38. Study John 9:1-38. *Scripture Memory Verse, Gen. 21:14.

Golden Text—I am the light of the world.—John 9:5.

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1 And as *Je'sus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from *his* birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?

3 *Je'sus* answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of *Silo'am*, (which is by interpretation, *Sent*.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he.

10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened?

11 He answered and said, A man that is called *Je'sus* made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of *Silo'am*, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight.

35 *Je'sus* heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God?

36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?

37 And *Je'sus* said unto him, Thou has both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee.

38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One Sabbath morning, when *Jesus* and his disciples were passing by the gate of the temple in Jerusalem, suddenly *Jesus* stopped. He saw a poor, blind beggar man sitting at the side of the road. Beggars often sat near the temple gates, hoping to get money from those going in and out. *Jesus* knew that this poor man had been blind ever since he was a wee baby. He had never seen the sunlight, nor the beautiful trees and flowers. He had never seen the faces of his father and mother and friends. *Jesus* felt very, very sorry for the poor, blind man and he meant to cure him.

Jesus told his disciples that he must be very busy all the time doing the works that God sent him to do, for the time was coming soon when he would not be in the world. "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world," *Jesus* said, and this is our Golden Text. He meant that he came to bring joy and gladness to those who were in sorrow and in the darkness of sin. Here was one whom God meant him to help, and he prepared to cure him. Such a simple cure as it was! But it was *Jesus'* power that did it all. *Jesus* spat on the ground and moistened a little of the earth and put it on the eyes of

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