

FROM BLINDNESS AND BEGGARY TO WORSHIP.

John ix.

That which is so wonderful in *John ix.* is that it gives us the history of the passage of a soul from beggary and darkness into being a worshipper of the Son of God. The man passes from this extreme of misery, blindness, and beggary too (for Scripture says, "Is not this he that sat and begged?") into being a worshipper, and that is one of the highest aspects of blessing any soul *can* know. This will be the occupation of the redeemed in heaven. It means such deliverance from self that you are delighting in an object outside yourself, and you are more than satisfied; that is worship. It is more than the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins, though I do not want to limit the blessing of being able to walk about in this world with the blessed sense of sins forgiven. "I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake." (1 *John* ii. 12.) It is not to treat lightly such a word as that, that I speak of something further; but I want you to understand that that is not where *God* stops. You must know forgiveness first; but that is not the end. God's thought of blessing for you is that you may be found a worshipper for evermore in His presence. "The Father seeketh such to worship Him." (*John* iv. 23.)

I cannot go into all the details of this chapter;