

# John 9:1-10:21 Part III

## Growing Faith and Hardening Unbelief

### 1. The Pharisees Interrogate the Man Born Blind: (13-17)

- a. Context:
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_: His neighbors brought him to the Pharisees. –9:8
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_: “*now it was a Sabbath.*” –Num 29:35; John 5:9; 7:37
- b. Question: the Pharisees asked him how he had received his sight.
- c. Answer: “*He put mud in my eyes, and I washed, and I see.*” –9:6
- d. Division: The Pharisees are of two minds. –Deut 13:1-5; John 7:21
- e. Question: “*What do you say about him..?*” –John 9:11
- f. \_\_\_\_\_: “*He is a prophet*” –John 4:19; 7:40, 52

### 2. The Pharisees Question His Parents: (18-23)

- a. The Jews did not believe the man had received his sight:
  - i. His parents confirmed that he had been born blind. –John 9:1
  - ii. They do not know the “\_\_\_\_\_” or the “\_\_\_\_\_” of his healing.
- b. The man's parents \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews:
  - i. “*Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.*” –Rom 10:9
  - ii. They would cast out any who confessed Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_. –12:42

### 3. The Pharisees Cast Out the Man Born Blind: (24-34)

- a. Challenge: “*Give glory to God... this man is a sinner.*” –Josh 7:19
- b. Answer: “*...One thing I know, that though I was blind, now I see.*”
- c. Question: “*What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?*”
- d. \_\_\_\_\_: “*Do you also want to become his disciples?*” –2:2
- e. Rebuke: “*You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.*” –1:17
- f. His Faithful \_\_\_\_\_: he is astonished at their ignorance:
  - i. God does not listen to sinners. –Ps 66:18; Prov 28:9; Jam 4:6
  - ii. Yet Jesus has done a \_\_\_\_\_ work than Moses. –2 Kgs 6:8-22
  - iii. Conclusion: If Jesus were not from God He could do nothing.
- g. Their \_\_\_\_\_: they \_\_\_\_\_ the man and cast him out. –Ezek 34

## John 9:13-34

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

<sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

<sup>24</sup> So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” <sup>26</sup> They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” <sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.