

John 9

1-3 Disciples: What sin caused man to be born blind?

Principle of Sowing & Reaping (review Job)

Jesus: not sin, opportunity to reveal God's works

Principle of Sovereignty (opportunity or rule - for all, or arbitrary?)

Human tendency toward Simple Answers & Rules (vs Waiting on the Lord, led by Spirit)

Salvation:

Free Will with Consequences (Reaping & Sowing) is biblical

Foreknowledge/Predestination (Sovereignty) is biblical

Impossible to Choose only one, or Simply Reconcile both

God Sovereignly gave us Free Will, but can Sovereignly Intervene

Carnal to Choose only one (Jacobus Arminius vs John Calvin)

(1Co 3:1-4) ¹And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ²I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; ³for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? ⁴For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal? (debate vs strife, division)

Shifts Focus off Solution (Jesus) and onto Problem (us)

eternal security (not) vs abide in Jesus (Jn 15) and endure to the end (Mt 24:13)

Healing:

focus on understanding (why's) can shut down faith in Jesus (quit - Bethel healing room)

sin doesn't cause sickness, healing is sovereign (Jn 9:3)

sin can cause sickness (Jn 5:14)

devils can cause sickness (Acts 10:38)

unforgiveness can cause sickness (Mt 18:34-35)

Jesus heals all sickness (Mt 4:24, 8:16, 12:15, Acts 5:16)

except if there is unforgiveness, or unbelief (Mt 13:58, 17:19-20),

or God sovereignly isn't healing (Jn 5:6)

(Lk 4:23-27) ²³He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'" ²⁴Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. ²⁵"But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; ²⁶"but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷"And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

Elisha: died of sickness (2 Ki 13:14), bones raised dead (2 Ki 13:21)

rigid doctrine can set up offense - ask, learn, but we don't always have to understand

David (2 Sam 12) - go after healing, praise God regardless of results

don't lower the bar (Mk 16:17-18) - same with signs as with sin

- 4-5 Light of the World (ch 8) includes displaying Works (2nd witness) - Him & us
Dark = Day of the Lord (Joel 2:1-2, 31, Acts 2:20)
- 6-15 heals him on Sabbath, he's brought to Pharisees and questioned
- 16 signs make it difficult to discredit on religious grounds (importance of 2nd witness)
- 17-23 get around sign by not believing it, question parents
- 24-25 discredit on technicality (sinner), forces them to deal with sign
- 26-28 desperately looking for out - accepting sign would validate Jesus' word (Mk 16:20)
- 29-34 discredit on technicality (uncredentialed), forces them to deal with sign
discredit him: born in sins (same doctrine as disciples), we're smarter
- 35-41 Jesus reveals Himself as Messiah, man believes
Jesus reveals His Purpose (not condemn Jn 3:16-21)
He reveals Himself as the Standard (Light)
we determine the judgement by how we respond to the Light
Spiritually Ignorant See (come to the Light)
Spiritually Proud Blinded (think they already see)
uneducated blind guy looks brilliant, Pharisees look foolish
when we "see" (Jesus), we are responsible for our choice (sin)