

John 9:35-41 New Living Translation (NLT)

Spiritual Blindness

35 When Jesus heard what had happened, he found the man and asked, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?^[a]”

36 The man answered, “Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him.”

37 “You have seen him,” Jesus said, “and he is speaking to you!”

38 “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.

39 Then Jesus told him,^[b] “I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see^[c] that they are blind.”

40 Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, “Are you saying we’re blind?”

41 “If you were blind, you wouldn’t be guilty,” Jesus replied. “But you remain guilty because you claim you can see.”

Footnotes:

- a **9:35** Some manuscripts read *the Son of God?* “Son of Man” is a title Jesus used for himself.
- b **9:38-39a** Some manuscripts do not include “Yes, Lord, I believe!” the man said. And he worshiped Jesus. Then Jesus told him.
- c **9:39b** Greek *those who see*.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus ask the man born blind in v35?
2. Jesus calls himself “Son of Man” over 80 times. Looking at the footnote for v35 what do you think this title means?
3. How did the man born blind respond to Jesus in v36?
4. How did Jesus respond to the man born blind in v37?
5. After understanding who Jesus really is - what was the response of the man born blind in v38?
6. What did the Pharisees think Jesus was saying about them in v40?
7. What kind of blindness did the Pharisees have?
8. Do you remember when you were blind to the things of God? How did you come out of your blindness? Explain.