

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What did the woman do that caused Jesus to forgive her?
2. Were the Pharisees concerned about the woman's sin, fulfilling Moses's law, or tempting Jesus?
3. Is it possible to be in the bondage of sin and yet not be aware of it?

SUMMARY:

Jesus came to save sinners and not condemn them. He came to set men free from the bondage of sin. If we read and obey His Word, we will know the truth and the truth will free us of sin. Let us realize that coming to Christ is the ONLY way possible for us to be free of the bondage of sin.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #8

February 22, 2026

First Quarter

THE FORGIVING SAVIOR

LESSON TEXT: John 8:1-36

LESSON SETTING: In the treasury in the temple.

TIME: Approximately 32 A.D.

- I. A DIVINE REDEMPTION.** John 8:1-11
 - A. Guilty Under the Law (vs. 3-5) Leviticus 20:10
 - B. Redeemed by Christ (vs. 10-11) Mark 2:5; Colossians 2:13
- II. A DIVINE RECORD.** John 8:12-30
 - A. Christ Proclaims His Deity (vs. 11-30) Matthew 16:17; 26:64; Luke 24:25-26
- III. A DIVINE RELEASE.** John 8:31-36
 - A. Jesus Can Set Us Free (vs. 31-32) Romans 8:2; Galatians 5:1
 - B. Free From the Bondage of Sin (vs. 33-36) Romans 6:18; 8:2

GOLDEN TEXT: *IF THE SON THEREFORE SHALL MAKE YOU FREE, YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED.* John 8:36

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: John 9:1-38

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Isaiah 35:1-10 42:1-16

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, the Son of God

TOPIC: THE GIVER OF SIGHT

INTRODUCTION:

The devil is always trying to keep people blind spiritually. When the devil realized that the blind man was healed by Jesus, he turned to the neighbors and Pharisees hoping to keep them blind. He did all he could to cause the Pharisees to reject Christ. In his subtle way, he made the Pharisees believe they were standing up for God by their rejection of Christ. They also feared that if the people believed Jesus, they would lose their power as the rulers of the people.

How many people today fear to lose their positions or prestige or pleasures by receiving Christ? How blind the devil is trying to keep them! Only Christ's power can work in their hearts and open their spiritual eyes. May God grant that those spiritually blind would choose to have their eyes opened and be able to say as this blind man, "Lord, I believe" and worship Him.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Faith in Christ opens the eyes of the spiritually blind.

GOLDEN TEXT: *ONE THING I KNOW, THAT, WHEREAS I WAS BLIND, NOW I SEE.*

John 9:25

It must have been puzzling to the blind man, who had never seen the light of day, when it was demanded of him, "How were thine eyes opened." Imagine how marvelous to be learning to see, and understand the meaning of vision, never having experienced it before.

He had been "sent" to wash his eyes and obeyed. Meanwhile, Jesus, no doubt, had vanished. But when the Pharisees insisted that Jesus was a sinner, the former blind man knew in his heart, and expressed the belief, that only a man who was near to God could perform such a miracle.

When Jesus performs the miracle of healing to our inner man and opens our inner eyes, we also cannot tell exactly how it was done, but we know by faith that He who healed us is also able to "save to the uttermost." Having learned to know the Son of God, we also must confess, "Lord, I believe" and worship Him. (John 9:38)

Take mine eyes that they may see
But Thy grace and clarity;
Take mine ears that they may hear
But Thy voice, Thy presence near.

Z.H. 324:2

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Feb. 23 – March 1

Mon. The Lord is My Light. Psalm 27:1-14
Tue. The Light That Liberates. Isaiah 42:6-12
Wed. The Light Penetrates the Darkness. Isaiah 60:1-11
Thu. *The Savior Gives Sight. John 9:1-7
Fri. *The Seeing Man Gives Testimony. John 9:8-19
Sat. *The Critical Jews Display Unbelief. John 9:20-28
Sun. *The Healed Man Confesses Christ. John 9:29-38

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