

The Lord of Light John 9

Intro: I should have asked Daniel to teach this passage since it so perfectly correlates to what he said Sunday. "Good preaching makes you want to preach," and, "Oh my," wasn't that good preaching on Sunday?

John 1:3-4 - *In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome [comprehended] it.*

- 1 - **Observation** – Jesus is the Light – What does that mean?
- 2 - **Interpretation** – Light = Understanding / Manifest

KJV – "comprehended it not."

NASB – "did not grasp it."

3 - **Correlation** -

- a) Isaiah 9:2/Matt 4:16 – *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.*
- b) John 3:19 - *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.*
- c) John 8:12 - *I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life"*

4 - **Illustration**

- a) John 1:4 - *In him was life, and the life was the light of men.*

Life = light

- b) Nicodemus: John 3:3 – *"This man came to Jesus by night..." "Unless one is born again, he cannot see..."*

Night/Darkness = blindness

So darkness and light are metaphors for spiritual blindness and sight.

- 5- **Application:** Are we hiding from exposure or coming to the light?

Life, light and love are three of John's major themes and he uses the book to define and illustrate them.

Daniel did this so well with Nicodemus. If he had had the time to go further in the book, he would have come to John 9 which is another illustration of the light principle.

With everything Daniel said Sunday, we really don't need to say anything else about John 9 except read it.

First: The Miracle. 1-7 – To bring light (understanding)

Second: The Reason. 8-12 – To bring light publicly / choices

Third: The Controversy. 13-17 – Light vs darkness

Fourth: The Controversy Continues. 18-23 – Tradition vs Truth

Fifth: The Arguments. 24-34 – Moses and the veil –

2 Corinthians 3:15-17 - *Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

Sixth: The Ultimate Test. 35-41 – Faith = Sight & Blindness = Unbelief

Once again, the pattern is that Jesus says something and then he demonstrates it.

John 6:1-14 & 35 – *“I am the bread of life.”*

Here, Jesus says -

In John 3:19-21, he said, - *And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”*

And now in John 9, he demonstrates what he means in this controversy with the Pharisees. They are his exposition and application.