# THE BEGINNING OF SIGHT

## JOHN 9:1-12

1. **THE LORD'S DISCLOSURE OF THE FACT THAT THERE IS A GREAT INEQUALITY IN THE WORLD (9:1-3)**
   1. The Disciples Propose, Even Within Their Question, What To Many People Is The Obvious Answer: "It Must Be Sin In Their Life" (9:2)
   2. The Issue Is Whether Or Not God Judges Children For The Sin Of Their Parents  
      1. What About The Teaching Of Exodus 20:5; Exodus 34:7?
      2. There Is No Doubt That Everything Negative In The Human Experience Is Due To The Consequence Of The Fall
      3. But When It Comes Down To Individual Cases, The Teaching Of Scripture Falls Under One Of Five Categories  
         1. Suffering Could Be Because Of Sin In General
         2. Suffering Could Come As A Result Of Church Discipline
         3. Suffering Could Come From The Devil
         4. Suffering Could Not Come As A Punishment For Someone Else's Sin (9:3; Ezekiel 18)
         5. Suffering Could Be A Catalyst To A Glorious Display Of The Works Of God (9:3)
2. **THE LORD'S EXPLANATION OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION (9:4-5)**
   1. There Is Someone Currently Working In The Earth (9:4a)
   2. The Day Is Coming When Men Will Lose Whatever Short Window Of Opportunity They Had (9:4b-5)
3. **THE LORD GRANTED PHYSICAL SIGHT TO A MAN WHICH IN TURN BEGAN TO OPEN HIS SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING (9:6-7)**
   1. The Lord Employed Earth And Spittle To Display Something About Himself (9:6)
   2. The Lord Employed The Man's Obedient Response (9:7)
4. **THE WHOLE THING WAS BEAUTIFULLY CONFIRMED (9:8-12)**
   1. The Record Is One Of Constant And Seemingly Endless Activity And Conversation (9:8-11)
   2. At This Point, The Healed Man's Testimony Is Incomplete (9:12)