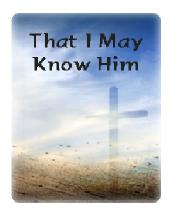
Mud in the Eyes

John 9:1-41





All are born <u>spiritually</u> blind 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

Six reasons for sickness and infirmity

1) The consequence of sin

John 5:14

1 Corinthians 11:29-32

2) To keep us <u>humble</u> and <u>dependent</u> on God

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

3) A reminder that we aren't home yet

Romans 8:18-25

4) The result of aging to change our focus

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

5) To take us to Heaven

2 Kings 13:14

6) To glorify God

John 9:3

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Mud in the eyes impairs sight

Jesus opened this man's spiritual eyes

♦ He recognized Jesus as a man

verse 11

♦ He perceived that Jesus was a <u>prophet</u>

verse 17

♦ He recognized Jesus as His Master

verse 24-27

♦ He recognized Jesus as:

holy – *not a sinner*

verse 31

a worshipper of God

verse 31

doing God's will

verse 31

♦ He saw Jesus clearly as

verses 35-38

The Son of God

His personal Savior

Mud in the eyes of his neighbors ...unbelief in the <u>supernatural</u>

verses 8-9



Mud in the eyes of the Pharisees

tradition and false religion

fear of Rome

quest for authority



Mud in the eyes of his parents

verses 20-22

fear of man / persecution

peer <u>pressure</u>