

"Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith be it done to you."." (Matthew 9:29)

I. Healing Two Blind Men

- a. The blind men are the first in the Gospel to call Jesus, the "Son of David (the Messiah)."
- b. To announce this in public was dangerous and provoked tension among the religious elite.
- c. Jesus heard the blind men, but He did not instantly respond as in other miracles.
 1. We do not know whose house Jesus entered, but the blind men followed him in the house obviously being guided by other people.
- d. The blind men pursued Jesus because of their eager faith. Why did Jesus initially walk past them?
 1. The "messianic secret"? – Jesus sternly said, *See that no one knows about it.* Jesus commanded secrecy about His identity from certain people at certain times during His ministry, but for perfectly good and logical reasons. The spreading of Jesus' fame, would make it difficult for him to move freely in towns.
 2. Modesty – Jesus sought to avoid "show" in His healing ministry. Recall that Jesus removed spectators in the healing of the dead girl.
 3. The testing of faith – *Faith* should pursue Jesus into His house when "it" gets no answer in the streets.
- e. The confession, "Yes, Lord" of the two blind men released the power for their healing.

II. The Untouchables are Touched

- a. In the healing of mute (*kophos* –unable to hear or speak) man, we do not know if Jesus touched or spoke to him. Like the paralytic, friends brought the mute man to Jesus.
- b. Demons do have the power to cause physical afflictions. The demon made the man mute.
- c. While some marveled at the healing, the Pharisees would not admit that Jesus was the Messiah and claimed His power was from the devil.
- d. If the Pharisees took the time to believe their own eyes, they would have to investigate. Their investigation would undoubtedly have led them to examine Scriptures. Unfortunately, Satan had hardened their hearts

III. Thoughts and Considerations for Action

- a. The Christian experience is not always lived in blessed experiences, Jesus also expects simple obedience.
- b. While grace and faith can heal us, they do not instantly or spontaneously sanctify us or make us wonderful people or obedient disciples.
- c. True faith believes that Christ is "able to do this." The "this" is associated with any great need. It seems that if we doubt God concerning any one trial, we may give up the whole case.
- d. Remember that Christ claims omnipotence. Do you believe this? If you do, you must believe that nothing we face; people, situations even a nation is not outside His power.
- e. Christ did not ask the blind men, "Do you love Me", but "Do you believe."
- f. Pursue Christ with Faith, in His house and in the streets.