

Space for God Now I See

PREPARATION

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are weighed down.
The Lord loves the godly.
Psalm 146:8

WORSHIP

He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along.
He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord.
Psalm 40:2-3

CONFESSION

Sin whispers to the wicked, deep within their hearts.
They have no fear of God at all.
In their blind conceit, they cannot see how wicked they really are. Everything they say is crooked and deceitful.
They refuse to act wisely or do good.
Psalm 36:1-3

MEDITATION – John 9:1-7,15-16,35-41 (Jn 1-41)*

1-7 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Rabbi," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents' sins?"
"It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world."
Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man's eyes. He told him, "Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam" (Siloam means "sent"). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!
15-16 The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, "He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!" Some of the Pharisees said, "This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath." Others said, "But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?" So there was a deep division of opinion among them.
35-41 When Jesus heard what had

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| Read | Slowly, several times. |
| Reflect | What does the text say? |
| Respond | How does it relate to my life? |
| Rest | I welcome God's healing and renewal. |

happened, he found the man and asked, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"
The man answered, "Who is he, sir? I want to believe in him."
"You have seen him," Jesus said, "and he is speaking to you!"
"Yes, Lord, I believe!" the man said. And he worshiped Jesus.
Then Jesus told him, "I entered this world to render judgment—to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are blind."
Some Pharisees who were standing nearby heard him and asked, "Are you saying we're blind?"
"If you were blind, you wouldn't be guilty," Jesus replied. "But you remain guilty because you claim you can see."

ANCHORING PRAYER
Yes, Lord, I believe.

REVIEW OF THE HEART
What has God opened my eyes to see?
What are the principle causes of my spiritual blindness?

WISDOM
Because I am righteous, I will see you. When I awake, I will see you face to face and be satisfied. Psalm 17:15

Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

"Faith is not belief without proof, but trust without reservation."—Elton Trueblood

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

**Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.
-Amen-**
John Newton (1725-1807)

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY
Be still and quiet before God.
Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and guidance.
Speak and act from a listening heart.
Actively serve in community with others.

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