

# Not Because of Sin, But the Glory of God

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**John 9:1- 5; 11,17,31**

*Sometimes things are going to happen to us and its not going to be because of sin..., but its always for a purpose.*

**In the Jewish culture there was a belief** - calamity or suffering was the result of some great sin.

*Because we are in a fallen world, the good is not always rewarded and the bad are not always punished – therefore the innocent people sometimes suffer.*

**The Question:** Whose fault was it that this man was in the condition he was in?

**Answer:** No sin, nobody's fault. He was born in this state so the (works) power of God could be seen and manifested.

- This man had lived all his life in this condition – suffering a lack of sight, therefore a lack of total independence – through no fault of his own
- We sometime fall into certain situations, and we moan and complain about our short time of suffering.
- But because of who we are, we should be looking for God's deliverance and how He will be glorified in our suffering, even if He choses not to deliver us.
- If God took away suffering every time we asked, we would follow Him for comfort and convenience – **not out of love and devotion.**
- The greatest sufferers is not always the greatest sinners

**Jesus said the time was short; at night fall all work comes to an end – I must be about my Father's business:**

- As long as Jesus was in the world, He was the light (truth)
- He didn't wait until a more acceptable time to heal the man, but did it on the Sabbath
- The manner in which he healed him was on purpose – he “made” clay – which would be considered working on the Sabbath. He is the Lord of the Sabbath!
- Spit – sometimes we don't like the way Jesus does things, so we refuse to cooperate.
- Man's humbleness and obedience was tested in the process of receiving his healing.

**Not only was physical sight gained, but he grew in spiritual sight more importantly:**

- ◆ First knew Jesus as “a man”
- ◆ Then “ a prophet”
- ◆ Then he became “a worshipper of God, a who God hears”