

THE BASIS FOR JUDGMENT



(John 3:19)

The Light has come into the world, and people have loved the darkness rather than and more than the Light for their works were evil (John 3:19b).

We all have experienced some time in our life, one way or another, the effect of physical darkness. Voided of light, darkness grabs and handicaps us with fear, panic, and anxiety. We feel lost, not knowing where we are and how to get somewhere. People associate darkness with the presence of evil, as in Satan and his demons, rightly so. The feelings of fear, panic, anxiety attacks are feelings that

express the presence of evil spirits in the environment. For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of love and a sound mind (I John 4:18). Darkness is blindness. When we are used to the darkness, we find difficulty adjusting to the light. The eyes water and hurt to some extent until we become accustomed to the light. In other ways, light exposes evil deeds. It hides nothing that seems invisible. Those who have rejected the Light (YAHSHUA) are those who walk in the fashion of their carnal desires. They, not wanting to acknowledge their sins, shut up the conscience in order to stay glued to darkness- their comfortable zone. The spiritual blindness is of great spiritual consequence in the future destiny of humankind. YAHSHUA said that this is the basis for eternal judgment – the rejection of Truth. The apostle John registers a story where he presents the two types of blindness- the spiritual and the physical. There, we see the severity of the spiritual blindness. YAHSHUA said I came into this world for judgment [as a Separator, in order that there may be a separation between those who believe on Me and those who reject Me], to make the sightless see and to make those who see become blind (John 9:39). This was said in reference to the Pharisees. When they responded by asking the question, Are we also blind? YAHSHUA continued saying to them, If you were blind, you would have no sin; but because you now claim to have sight, your sin remains (vs. 41). They continued lost and condemned.

YAHSHUA, while passing along, met a blind man, who had been blind since birth. This was a special case in the plan of God for that man, who had lived forty years of his life without the privilege of His eyesight. Seemly unfair to us for not understanding God's way, the reason for his blindness was for the workings of God to be manifested (John 9:3). God was not only going to heal his physical sight, but also his spiritual sight. Salvation was to come to this blind man through the healing of his physical blindness first. Like many, who walk in spiritual darkness in need of the Light, he too needed to experience the Light in his inner soul. On His second encounter with the blind man, YAHSHUA asked him a direct question: do you believe in the Son of Man? It is clearly understood why YAHSHUA would not ask him this question before the healing took place. Obviously, he had to be able to see. Although He did not introduce Himself as the One who had healed him, the blind man knew exactly Who He was. YAHSHUA was now interested that that man who was blind, would also be able to see spiritually. For that reason, He had come. God's purpose was to be fulfilled in that moment. The leading question YAHSHUA asked was for the purpose to bring salvation to him. "Do you **believe** in

the Son of Man?” The keyword lays on the verb believe. Not having had seen Him before, the blind man responded with another question, expressing the desire to know Who the “Son of Man” might be. “Who is He, Sir? Tell me, that I may believe in Him.” His response revealed his heart ready to receive the Light. Once physically blind, now he wanted to be able to see spiritually, too.

YAHSHUA then said, **You have seen Him; [in fact] He is talking to you right now** (John 9:35-37). When YAHSHUA went through the process to heal the blind man, He sent him to wash in the pool of Siloam. Siloam was mentioned by Isaiah as the fountain that had been refused and despised by Israel, a fountain of Jerusalem symbolic of God’s protection and sustaining power (Isaiah 8: 6). What was this pool about and what its importance? “The pool of Siloam was a rock-cut pool on the southern slope of the city of David, the original site of Jerusalem. It was fed by waters of the Gihon Spring, carried by two aqueducts.” (Wikipedia). The River Gihon was one of the four river heads from the river that watered the Eden Garden (Genesis 2:8-14).



When YAHSHUA encountered the blind man the second time, He then introduced Himself as “the Son of Man, He Who is talking to you.” Although the blind man had not yet seen Him, there was no confusion in his mind, when he saw YAHSHUA’S face for the first time. It was as if a light brightened his soul with

truth, moving him with excitement for having seen His Messiah, Him who he had waited for! As a result, he called out, Lord, **I believe!** And **he worshiped Him** (John 9:35-38). YAHSHUA, then uttered His voice, enlightening the truth to all saying, I came into this world for judgment [as a Separator, in order that there may be separation between those who believe on Me and those who reject Me], to make the sightless see and to make those who see become blind (John 9:39). The Pharisees, under conviction, then asked, Are we also blind? YAHSHUA then answered them: If you were blind, you would have no sin; but because you now claim to have sight, your sin remains (John 9:41a). With that YAHSHUA spoke of their spiritual fate. The Pharisees were the most religious sect in those days. They always tested and challenged YAHSHUA through their actions and words. Because their religion consisted in rejecting the Son of God, the Messiah, there was no connection between them and the true God. The Pharisees are examples of a religion without God, although thinking they are followers of God by trying to obey the law, which only YAHSHUA was able to do. In their pursuit of salvation, they rejected the only way of salvation, believing their own righteousness to be enough. YAHSHUA called them white tombs. John the Baptist called them a brood of vipers! And warned them: who warned you to flee and escape from the wrath and indignation that is coming? Bring forth fruit that is consistent with repentance and do not presume to say to yourselves, We have Abraham for our forefather; for I tell you, God is able to raise up descendants for Abraham from these stones (Mathews 3:7-10). The Pharisees were a community of a sect well known in those days for their self-righteous religion and their pride. And that constituted the basis for their judgment. YAHSHUA said he who believes in the Son has eternal life. But whoever disobeys the Son will never see life, but the wrath of God abides on him (John 3:36).

There are many religions today, like that of the Pharisees, believing that by good works they can enter heaven. They completely annul the sacrifice of YAHSHUA, as sufficient for their salvation. Paul said that no person is justified by the law. It was to be in effect until the Seed (YAHSHUA) should come (Gal. 3:11, 19). The law was a contract between God and Israel; its validity was dependent on both (Gal. 3:20b). By faith and not by the law, we are declared righteous. The law rests not on faith, but on man's own merit. It is in Christ YAHSHUA that we are all sons of God through faith; there is no [distinction] neither Jew, nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Christ YAHSHUA, we are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to the promise

(Gal. 3). No religion will save mankind. No efforts by doing good apart from the work of YAHSHUA will open heaven's door. Only through YAHSHUA'S death can a man be free from eternal condemnation- God's judgment. Upon rejecting the Truth that will save you, you stand condemned already, because you have not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (John 3:18). You have established your eternal judgment.