

Lesson 61: John 9:34, 40-41

1. **Chapter 9 Theme:** _____
2. **Read v34:** Characteristic 6 of Religious Intellectuals is that they _____ behind their _____.
 - a. I can just hear them blast into this man. Who are you to teach us?
 - 1) We _____ standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that all men can see how _____ we are - Matthew 6:5.
 - 2) Our _____ to the poor is announced by _____ - Matthew 6:2.
 - 3) When we _____, we disfigure our faces so that sinners like you will know how _____ we are - Matthew 6:16.
 - b. We are very religious men, so what gives you the right to try to teach us anything?
 - 1) Obviously you are a _____ or you would not have been _____.
 - 2) You are not _____ to be in our _____, so _____ from us.
 - 3) What happens to people who exalt themselves above others or consider themselves better than others? *Read* Luke 18:10-14.
 - c. *Read* Matthew 5:3 - Only those who realize that they are spiritually _____ have a chance of becoming citizens of the kingdom of _____.
3. **Read v40-41:** Characteristic 7 of Religious Intellectuals is that they think they _____, but they are spiritually _____.
 - a. Paul's autobiography prior to his conversion – *Read* Philippians 3:4-6.
 - b. *Read* Acts 9:3-11 - Jesus could have afflicted Paul with any disease, illness, or disability of His choosing, so why did the Lord choose to make him blind?
 - 1) The Lord had to make him blind in order for him to be able to _____ his _____.
 - 2) Immediately after his blinding encounter with Jesus, Paul was escorted to Damascus and taken down "Straight" street to the house of Judas. It is not a coincidence that the

name of the street that Paul went down is the same name used by Jesus to describe the _____ that leads to _____ life - Matthew 7:14.

3) Nor is it a coincidence that the name of the man whose house Paul was taken to is also the name of the _____ of Israel from which _____ is a descendent - Matthew 1:3.

4) Paul became _____ to this _____ and in the process passed through the _____ of _____ life and into the _____ of the _____.

5) But until Paul was cured of his _____, he was simply _____ “against the pricks.” - Acts 9:5

4. Homework: Read verses 15 and 17 and determine the first two characteristics of a spiritual person.