

# Man's Eyes Opened (Part II) : The Stages of Spiritual Sight

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## 1. Stage 1:

### *Seeing Jesus as a man*

a. The man's neighbours were amazed and they questioned the man's deliverance

b. The man testified:  
A man called Jesus gave me sight

8 His neighbours and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, "Isn't this the same man who used to sit and beg?"

9 Some claimed that he was. Others said, "No, he only looks like him." But he himself insisted, "I am the man."

10 "How then were your eyes opened?" they demanded.

11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."

12 "Where is this man?" they asked him. "I don't know," he said.

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind.

14 Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.

15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see."

16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided.

17 Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

18 The Jews still did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they sent for the man's parents.

## 2. Stage 2:

### *Seeing Jesus as a helper or a healer*

a. The problem:  
The Sabbath law was broken

b. The Pharisees questioned how the man could now see

c. The man testified:  
Jesus healed me

## 3. Stage 3:

### *Seeing Jesus as a prophet*

a. The Pharisees were divided

b. The Pharisees questioned the man again

c. The man testified:  
Jesus is a prophet

## 4. Stage 4:

### *Seeing Jesus as the Saviour*

a. The Pharisees' unbelief

<p>b. The Pharisees called and questioned the man's parents</p> <p>c. The parents' testimony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) They identified their son</li> <li>2) They denied being eyewitnesses</li> <li>3) They feared prejudice and excommunication: Feared being banished from the synagogue</li> </ol> <p>d. The Pharisees' demanded that the healed man deny Jesus</p> <p>e. The man's testimony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) I was blind, but now I see (Jesus saved me and gave me sight)</li> <li>2) The clear evidence had been presented but rejected, doubted</li> </ol> <p><b>5. Stage 5:</b> <b><i>Seeing Jesus as being "from God"</i></b></p> <p>a. The Pharisees' case</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Accused the man of being Jesus' disciple</li> <li>2) Questioned the origin of Jesus</li> </ol>	<p>19 "Is this your son?" they asked. "Is this the one you say was born blind? How is it that now he can see?"</p> <p>20 "We know he is our son," the parents answered, "and we know he was born blind.</p> <p>21 But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we don't know. Ask him. He is of age; he will speak for himself."</p> <p>22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for already the Jews had decided that anyone who acknowledged that Jesus was the Christ would be put out of the synagogue.</p> <p>23 That was why his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."</p> <p>24 A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner."</p> <p>25 He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"</p> <p>26 Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"</p> <p>27 He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"</p> <p>28 Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!</p> <p>29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from."</p>
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<p>b. The man's testimony</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A marvelous thing has happened</li> <li>2) We know that God does not hear the prayers of sinners but those of worshippers</li> <li>3) My experience proves that Jesus is "from God"</li> </ol> <p>c. The Pharisees' denial of the man's experience and proof: They threw the man out</p>	<p>30 The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes.</p> <p>31 We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will.</p> <p>32 Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind.</p> <p>33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."</p> <p>34 To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out.</p>
<p><b>6. Stage 6:</b> <b><i>Seeing Jesus as the Son of God</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jesus sought the man who had been thrown out</li> <li>b. Jesus invited him to believe in the Son of God</li> <li>c. The man requested to know the Son of God</li> <li>d. Jesus identified Himself as the Son of God, 35</li> <li>e. The man believed and worshipped Jesus</li> </ol>	<p>35 Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"</p> <p>36 "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him."</p> <p>37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."</p> <p>38 Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.</p>
<p><b>6. Conclusion:</b> <b><i>The lesson of Jesus' revelation</i></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jesus' mission: To bring judgment</li> <li>b. The religionists' expectation: To be exempt from judgment</li> <li>c. Jesus' declaration: To convict them of their hypocrisy, their sin</li> </ol>	<p>39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."</p> <p>40 Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?"</p> <p>41 Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains."</p>