

LUKE 18: 31-43

THE CURE FOR BLINDNESS

Introduction:

What a contrast! We have the seeing who continue in their blindness and the blind who receive their sight.

I. FOR THOSE WHO ARE BLIND AND DO NOT KNOW IT.

1. Their blindness is spiritual.

Things of God were hidden to them because they thought they already knew. Their presumption closed their eyes to the greater truths that Jesus wanted to share.

2. Their blindness is costly.

Think of the intimacy and pain that it cost them.

3. Their blindness is curable.

Before he closes his gospel, Luke reports: “And He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures.” (Luke 24: 45) He does this as He grants to us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. (Ephesians 1:17-18) He comes to do His work in response to our believing prayer.

II. FOR THOSE WHO ARE BLIND AND KNOW IT.

1. Their blindness is physical.

His blindness was probably from birth. His physical eyes were closed to the beauty that was all around him.

In his blindness Bartimeus saw more than those who could see. He saw who Jesus was and understood that He was indeed the Son of David and Source of mercy.

2. Their blindness is costly.

Think of the limitations that blindness brought to him. There were so many joys he missed. He was reduced to begging because of his blindness. There were so many limited upon his activities.

3. Their blindness is curable.

Jesus is the only One who can cure any blindness. He does it in response to our faith.

Do we dare ask for God's mercy today? Do we dare cry out in faith? Do we dare believe that He will hear us?

The supreme blessing is to have sight in your body and in your soul. Jesus provides both. But to have the eyes of the heart opened is the greatest gift of all.