

INTRODUCTION

1. The struggles of life

- a) Physical
- b) Spiritual
- c) They can affect us adversely

2. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

- a) He loves all of us
- b) He will be there to help us in all our weaknesses and struggles
- c) He will do a most wonderful work in our lives

3. Introduction of a miracle of the Lord Jesus recorded in Mark 8

- a) A special miracle that benefitted
 - i) A blind man
 - ii) The disciples
- b) A short but insightful miracle that teaches us lessons about the Lord Jesus

THE LORD JESUS AND A BLIND MAN OF BETHSAIDA

Mark 8

1. A blind man was brought to the Lord Jesus

Mark 8:22

- a) Likely by his family / friends
- b) They would have heard about the Lord Jesus, and thus sought Him
- c) They humbly begged Jesus to heal him

2. The Lord Jesus' response

- a) He took the blind man by hand Mark 8:23a
- b) He led the blind man out of town

- i) Healing the blind man in town would draw much attention
- ii) The Lord did not want to be known as only a Healer
- iii) His focus was to help people come to Salvation

3. How the Lord Jesus cared for the blind man

- a) He would not turn away from the blind man's plea
- b) He would help the blind man personally and lovingly
- c) Even if it required Him to go out of town and back

THE HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN

1. The Lord Jesus Mark 8:23b

- a) He spat on the blind man's eyes and put His hands on him
- b) He asked if the blind man saw anything

2. The blind man's answer Mark 8:24

- a) He looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking"
- b) The blind man's vision was only restored partially
- c) This was not the usual way the Lord would heal

A MASTERFUL TEACHING MIRACLE BY THE LORD JESUS

1. The Lord performed this miracle not only to heal the blind man

2. But to also teach the disciples an important lesson

- a) They were like the blind man who lacked clarity of sight
- b) Their problem was a lack of faith and understanding
(cf Mark 6:52, 7:18, 8:21)

3. The Lord Jesus' concern for His disciples

- a) They Lord did not despise or give up on them
- b) Even though they struggled again and again

c) He would continue to help them grow further

THE SECOND TOUCH

1. The second touch of the Lord Jesus Mark 8:25-26

- a) The blind man was completely healed
- b) His life was wonderfully changed by the Lord Jesus
- c) He was to be obedient to the Lord's command

2. Significance of the second touch to the disciples

- a) They need not remain weak
- b) The Lord Jesus could continue to work in their lives wonderfully
- c) Their part was to seek the Lord's help to grow further

A SPECIAL APPRECIATION OF THE LORD JESUS

1. He had a double concern

- a) For the blind man
- b) For the disciples

2. He performed a miracle that met both concerns

- a) The blind man was made well
- b) The disciples were taught a much-needed lesson

3. Our appreciation of the Lord Jesus

- a) His great heart of love for all of us
- b) He will not turn away anyone who seeks Him
- c) He is able to help us in all our struggles

CONCLUSION

1. A most wonderful Lord Jesus

- a) He gave His life to offer us precious Salvation
- b) He will wonderfully change our lives when we believe in Him
- c) Faith in Him will continue to help us through life's journey and challenges

2. Appropriate responses on our part

- a) To believe in Jesus as our Lord and Saviour
- b) To grow in love and appreciation for the Lord Jesus
- c) To exercise faith in the Lord Jesus in all of life's challenges
- d) To follow the Lord Jesus
 - i) His Word
 - ii) His Example