



# HE OPENED MY EYES

## JOHN 9:30

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Till September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1983 I was sitting in the shadow of death and darkness like the man born blind in John's Gospel 9<sup>th</sup> chapter leading a purposeless life. Several times Jesus the word of God came to me and asked me to go and wash in the pool of Siloam. But I don't know why I did not go till September 1983. On 3<sup>rd</sup> night I was praying throughout the day and next day I went into the waters of Baptism. From that day I started experiencing the power of the word of Christ working in me as I began to read the Bible, take notes when I hear the sermons, study the word by going to Bible studies conducted by good preachers. My association with Brother Edgar has given me a great opportunity to meet great people like Herb Hodges and the preaching of Dr. Stephen Olford and others. In Edgar's fellowship I have been learning many facets of soul winning and discipling. I praise God for this wonderful man of God in my life who is like my spiritual director. I also registered my self as an external student for Bachelor of Divinity of Serampore. In this way as I have been reading, studying and meditating and memorizing the word of God the word became real. It was comforting some times, confronting in times when I wanted to do things that I shouldn't. All time the word is cleansing me and commissioning me to fulfill God's purpose in my life. It was like washing in the waters of the word like the man born blind washed himself in the waters of Siloam and got his sight. Just as the eyes of the man born blind were opened my inner eyes were opened and two things have been happening in my life.

1. I am able to see the **"Wonderful" and "Wonderful things" in the Bible.**

### 1. SEEING THE WONDERFUL

(His name is called **"Wonderful"-Is : 9:6**)

Like the man born blind who didn't see Jesus immediately after he got his sight I too didn't have the experience of seeing Jesus till the day I started reading the 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter of John's Gospel as a part of preparation for the theological paper on the writings of John (In the year 1987). That day the words that Jesus spoke to Phillip **"Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Phillip?" (v10)** became so real and I felt as if Jesus appeared to me in the way God used to reveal himself to the prophets in the Old Testament. That day Jesus also appeared gloriously in the verse **"the word became flesh and dwelt among**

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***us and we beheld His glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth” .(John 1:14).*** Mean while as I started witnessing I started growing in the knowledge of my Lord like the man born blind has grown in the knowledge of the one who opened his eyes.

Every time I open the Bible Jesus appears to me in all His glory (II Cor 3:18) and as I behold the radiance of God’s glory He has ,understand Him as the exact representation of the Father, find the good, pleasing perfect will of God and obey it I find myself being transformed from glory to glory( Heb 1:3,Rom 12:2, 2 Cor 3:18).All what Jesus said would happen when a person believes in Him started happening in my life .They are

- i) Flowing of the streams of living water (John 7:38): Anudina Parishudda Lekhana Prakasam is an evidence of this in my life.
- ii) Being able to do things that Jesus did and I am looking forward to greater things in Him who strengthens me (John 14:12).The ministry of Channels of blessing is an evidence of this.
- iii) Assurance of eternal life .I know I will never die spiritually.(John 11:26)

### **2. SEEING WONDERFUL THINGS IN THE BIBLE:**

Till 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1983 I could not see what God has prepared for those who love Him(I Cor 2:9). After Jesus opened my eyes I started seeing all those wonderful things regarding life eternal. Let me share some of those things.

- i) I have found the **divine definition of life** as knowing the Son of God. (John 17;3).

Till Jesus came to Him the man born blind did not have any meaning for His life .But the day he first met Jesus he heard from Jesus that he was born to manifest the works of God( i.e believing in Jesus) which John wonderfully shows how this happened in John 9.

- ii) I have found the **dynamic power source of life** as the epignosis of Jesus. ( II Pet 1:3)(Knowing Jesus in our experience).

Till Jesus came into his life the man born blind has no power to do any thing .But after he obeyed Jesus He experienced the power of the word of Christ in His life .He got sight. No one in the world who was born blind had ever got sight. In the same way before I was most powerless .I couldn’t even pray in the church.

- iii) I have found the **duty of life**:

Till Jesus came in to his life the daily duty of the man born blind is begging. After he got sight he found his duty was to be witness for the one who gave Him life and opened his eyes (never again he begged). As he was witnessing about how his eyes were opened He was growing

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in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. First he said that Jesus was man (11). Next he said that he was a prophet (17). Next he said that except Jesus was God He could not have opened his eyes. As I have been witnessing about the manifestation of the power of Jesus in my life over these 25 years I have been growing in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. First I have known Him as my savior, and then He has become my teacher and I His disciple. Over these years He has become my life partner without whom I can't live. I am looking for that day when I see Him as my sovereign God when I go to heaven. Till that day I have found that my full time duty is to fear him and keep His commands (Ecc 12:13)

iv) I have found the **dream of my life.**

The climax in the life of the man born blind is seeing Jesus. When life became tough for this man Jesus came to him again and gave him His self revelation to him. Then the man put his life at the feet of Jesus and worshipped Jesus. After that we don't know any thing about the Blind man .He must have become the disciple of Jesus and might have done great things.

The model for my spiritual life is Paul. According to him worshipping God is serving the Lord with whole heart in preaching the gospel of His son.(Rom 1;7) and whole of his life was poured out at as an offering to God (Phi 2:17) as he labored and strived according to the mighty power that worked in him to present everyone perfect before Christ admonishing and teaching with all wisdom in order to present every one perfect before Christ.(Col 1;28,29). At the end he left the world with an assurance of receiving the crown of righteousness from the Lord having fought the good fight, kept his faith and finished the course of life(II Tim 4:7). This is the dream of my life.

v) I have found the **dearest people of my life.**

After the blind man got sight many people were asking how he got sight and he went on telling them how he got sight. In the process he grew in the knowledge of Jesus Christ .Over these years I have been telling my testimony to many people whom have come into my life and they have all been amazed at my testimony and they have become close friends of mine and stated supporting the ministry which God has given me. That is how the ministry of Channels of Blessing – Viswamanava Seva Sangam has come into existence. They are Dr.Shaktini Dr.Mercy James, Dr.Priya Darsini,Dr.Indrani Prasad, Dr.Usha Adams ,Sister Jaya Isaac ,Dr.Indrani Prasad, Mrs.Satyabala who are my earliest friends in Christ Jesus. After that where ever I go for preaching many are added into this band over theses years and I cherish their prayers and support.

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When the Gerasene Demoniac after he was healed by Jesus went out and began proclaiming in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done, every one marveled, that is everyone was wonderstruck(Mk 5:20). Before I have become the temple of Jesus, is not my life devils workshop? Praise God! I have now become his temple and his royal priest

### **3. NOW IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO WONDER! AND COME TO MY JESUS!**

Praising God for his Goodness all these years,

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