

Jesus Said, What Will Ye...

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

... that I shall do unto you?" **Matthew 20:32**. What a question that Jesus asked the blind men. What do you want from me is what he was asking. How about us, you and me, how would we answer him? These men wanted to be able to see. Whether they were born blind, or had gone blind, they wanted to see the world around them. Blindness is a terrible thing, and I have heard many, as well as myself, say that it would be one of the worst things to happen to anyone. There is more than one kind of blindness that affects mankind. The worst is spiritual blindness.

People can be blind to reason, unable to see the truth of the matter. People who are prejudiced are in this group. They judge on what they see, or hear, not on the facts. It may be because of race, where a person comes from, or one of several other factors. We may be judged by our family name, or some other thing of

which we had no choice in. Maybe such a person is like the one that I heard of who supposedly said, "Don't confuse me with the facts, I've already made up my mind."

If Jesus asked us what we would want him to do for us, what would we say? The blind wanted to see and it was a good response. If we can see and are not physically blind what could we say? Some may think of good health, long life, which would be good, but the best would be that we could know him better and be accepted in heaven. Sometimes the problem is knowing what we really need. This can be confused with something that we want, but don't really need. If a person wanted to be honest he would admit that there is a great difference between our wants and our needs.

Too often we focus on what we see here in this life. Every day we are reminded of the needs of this physical body. If we are not careful we may not recognize the spiritual needs that we also have. It is easy to get wrapped up in caring for the body and forgetting the soul. We are here in this life for a number of years,

but the spirit will live forever. The question is - where?

Jesus offers us salvation and life eternal in heaven. If a person wants to have this gift of God and seriously believes the promise, he will live for the Lord. He not only paid the price of our salvation, but will help us in our daily life, all we have to do is to ask him for help each day. What do we want the Lord to do for us? It should be that he will guide us by his Holy Spirit and help us to overcome sin. We are told in **Hebrews 12:1-2a**, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." We need to realize that we needed Jesus to be saved and need him each day to stay saved.

What do we need? We need the Lord each step of the way. As long as we realize our need for his guidance and help, we will be on the right path. If, and when, a person starts to think that he is strong and able to make it on his own he is headed for a fall.

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JACOB'S TOIL
JACOB HAVING STOLEN AWAY IN THE NIGHT WITH ALL THAT IS HIS, LABAN NOW PURSUES HIM, BECAUSE HE DID NOT TELL HIM HE WAS GOING...

AYE, FATHER LABAN! AND WHEN THOU OVERTAKEST JACOB WHAT THEN SHALT THOU DO UNTO HIM?

WE SHALL OVERTAKE JACOB FOR WE ARE NOT HINDERED BY THE SLOWNESS OF THE FLOCKS AS IS JACOB.

LAST NIGHT THE GOD OF JACOB SPOKE TO ME AS I SLEPT AND COMMANDED THAT I DO NO BAD THING UNTO JACOB.

I MUST OBEY, FOR HE IS A POWERFUL GOD!

... AND LATER...

BEHOLD! JACOB HAST PITCHED HIS CAMP ON THE MOUNT OF GILEAD!

WE SHALL ALSO PITCH OUR TENTS THERE!

AT LAST LABAN APPROACHES JACOB...

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