

## "Seeing is Believing"

Text: John 9:35-41

Scripture reading: Isaiah 55

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### **I. Restoration of sight - vv. 35-37**

A) Cast out, but sought out - vs. 35  
(Jn. 6:44, 39, 37; Rom. 8:29-30)

B) Inquiry and introduction - vs. 37  
(Eph. 2:1-5)

### **II. Response to sight - vv. 36-38**

A) Wanting to know and wanting to believe - vs. 36  
(Is. 55:6; Rom. 3:10-11)

B) Coming to faith and coming to worship - vs. 38

### **III. Rejection of sight - vv. 39-41**

A) Judge or Savior? - vs. 39

B) Blindness or sight? - vv. 40-41

#### **Conclusion:**

1. A word of encouragement:

2. A word of explanation:

3. A word of caution:

*"That which wicked men bind on earth is not bound in heaven. ...Excommunication, persecution, and imprisonment have generally been favourite weapons with ecclesiastical tyrants. ...Let the child of God console himself with the thought that there is a true Church out of which no man can cast him, and a Church-membership which no earthly power can take away. He only is blessed whom Christ calls blessed; and he only is accursed whom Christ shall pronounce accursed on the last day."* Bishop J. C. Ryle