

Three Questions (by Pastor Matt Capps)

The first question is, “What is God’s intention for this area of human life?”

The second question is, “In what ways has this area of human life been distorted by human sin?”

The third question is “How can I bring Christian healing to this area of human life?”



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Jesus Heals the Blind Man

John 9:1-11

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. 2 “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?”

3 “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. 4 We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. 5 But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.”

6 Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. 7 He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

8 His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some said he was, and others said, “No, he just looks like him!”

But the beggar kept saying, “Yes, I am the same one!”

10 They asked, “Who healed you? What happened?”

11 He told them, “The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, ‘Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.’ So I went and washed, and now I can see!”

Who is to Blame?

John 9:3

3 “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.

As Jon Bloom says, the purpose of this man’s disability was not punishment but proclamation.

The purpose would be found in this man’s testimony. That is why your testimony is so important. It tells the world that your story is not punishment. Instead, it is proclamation of who God is and what Jesus came to do. It is proclamation of the goodness and grace of God.

Created in the Image of God

Genesis 1:27-28 NIV

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”