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Topic: Life of Christ: Clear Sight!

Scripture text: Mark 8:22-26

1. It is difficult to be in physical blindness but far worse to be in spiritual blindness. In this passage, the Lord Jesus Christ healed the blind man in a unique, two-step way. The Lord Jesus could heal the blind man completely and instantaneously but chose to heal the man in two steps to teach His disciples.

2. The miracle was not for the people of Bethsaida as the Bible tells us that the Lord Jesus led the blind man out of the town. The reason is because Bethsaida was one of the cities which the Lord Jesus rebuked (Matt 11:21-22). The people were not moved by the miracles and did not believe Jesus as God.

3. The miracle was for the disciples. It was a lesson on spiritual sight and discernment. At first, the blind man had no sight and after the Lord Jesus had spit on his eyes and put His hands upon him, he could see but the vision was blur. He only had half sight. It is similar to a born again believer who is young in faith and could not understand the spiritual truths clearly. The disciples in the preceding passage did not recognise and understand the dangers of the Pharisees. They were not discerning at that time. Likewise, we must not remain as babes in Christ.

4. The Lord Jesus then put His hands upon the blind man's eyes and his sight was restored. He now had clear sight. This is God's desire for us - to grow in the knowledge of Him through His Word. We should study the Word of God diligently and deepen our understanding. The Holy Spirit will teach us and guide us. Strive to have a clear sight of God and His truth.