

# BLIND BARTIMÆUS

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**“Then they came to Jericho. And as He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have Mercy on me!’ Then many warned him to be quiet; but He cried out all the more, ‘Son of David, have mercy on Me!’ So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, ‘Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you.’ And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘What do you want Me to do for you?’ The blind man said to Him, ‘Rabboni, That I may receive my sight.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.” Ω Mark 10:46-52**

**Have you ever learned anything from a blind beggar? Well, if you haven't you're going to learn something today. Blind Bartimaeus is still teaching us today! I'm sure this poor, blind man had no idea that his life could and would be a testimony to the Church for 2000 years if we can *see* with the Eye of the Eagle today what his testimony taught us back when the Lord Jesus walked the earth in His flesh.**

**I've shared often the fact that I cannot read the Bible without getting revelation. Sometimes, like on June 11<sup>th</sup> last week, it's something that you already know basically but the Lord has a way of exploding truth into your spirit even when you're reading a verse of scripture that you've read probably over 1000 times before.**

**I've written and spoken for years about the fact that there are many, many ways of being healed in the Scriptures. For example, you can always be healed through your own faith and we see Jesus say this a lot; He says it in the key scripture about Bartimaeus quoted above for this teaching. But like I've said, some of the ways of healing, e.g., that mentioned in John 5 where an angel troubled the water at the pool of Bethesda, are not ones that I would choose if I was in need of healing or a miracle. Thank God that man who had been paralyzed for 38 years received his healing but that is not a method that I would choose if I was in need. Fortunately, I've been able not to need healing for 35 years because I learned to walk in divine health in February, 1978.**

**On June 11<sup>th</sup> in my morning Bible meditation I was reading Luke 18:35-39 which does not mention Bartimaeus by name but I knew that's who it was. And as I was reading and meditating on this testimony of Bartimaeus I realized that this method of healing will still work for a person today! Praise God!**

**Often when the Lord has used us to minister healing or a miracle to somebody He will *use* a method I'm not familiar with from the Scriptures, e.g., one time we were called to pray for a man who had 5 days to live—he had a rare form of blood cancer that was overloading his kidneys and he was colorless and near death when we first began to pray for him. Had the Lord not healed him he would have died from kidney failure. His prescription for healing was to obey Psalm 62 and sit silently before the Lord. I believe the Lord does this to show us that He has many ways to perform His word just like we see during Jesus' ministry as well as that of the prophets when they do something that physically makes no sense like when Jesus mixed spit with dirt and put it in the blind man's eyes.**

**Today as I was reading about Blind Bartimaeus the Lord began to show me that any person today can receive healing or a miracle the exact same way Bartimaeus did by crying out: “Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me!” over and over again. Why? Because the Bible says in Hebrews 13:8 that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.”**

**Jesus was often “moved with compassion”; we see that phrase over and over again in the Gospels. He loved mankind and He wanted people to be healed and receive miracles from Heaven. He had compassion on Bartimaeus didn't He? But I want to focus in this teaching on Bartimaeus and his attitude—he had no quitting sense did he? In those times there was no social welfare net to help people; the people of God were supposed to give alms to help the poor so people with an infirmity had to beg for a living which is not exactly conducive to having high self esteem is it? So it's not exactly the same as if he was a rich person like Nicodemus, right?**

**It was “just another day at the office” for Bartimaeus, right? He was sitting by the roadside begging for a living and had no idea that his whole world was about to change. Why? Because Jesus of Nazareth was walking by that day and although Bartimaeus couldn't see Jesus he had obviously heard about Jesus (who hadn't) and no doubt had heard many testimonies of blind eyes being opened. This caused hope to arise in his heart that morning when he heard all the commotion and was told that Jesus was there.**

**But notice how he was treated after he made the decision to cry out: “Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me.” He was told like many others, e.g., Jairus who had an only child—a 12 year old girl who was dying, “Don't trouble the Master! Be quiet! Shut up!”**

**But notice how Bartimaeus responded, praise God! The Bible says that he “cried out all the more!” Instead of being quiet he sensed that today was his day of visitation! And it was! By crying out more and louder he was demonstrating his faith and that he was not going to be denied this opportunity to receive his eyesight. Praise the Lord.**

**Now, how does this apply to you? Well, the Lord says that if you have a need for healing or a miracle then begin to sit in your living room floor every day for an hour or two and begin to cry out just like Bartimaeus did: “Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me! Jesus, thou Son of David, have mercy on me!” And as you do this you will begin to cry out more and louder just like Bartimaeus did and the Lord will answer your request just like He did Bartimaeus because He is the Lord and He never changes. Praise God!**

**Now you might ask me as people often do: “Brother Timmons, how long will it take?” I don’t know; it might take a week; it might take a month; it might take 6 months or it might take 6 years but if you will stay in faith you will receive. Remember what the Lord told me back in the ‘80s about why most people don’t receive from Him. Most people don’t receive a miracle from Him because they’re not in His family. But if you’re in His family then He is obligated to grant your request. Unfortunately, the Lord said that “Most Christians don’t receive from Me because they don’t know how.” And then He said, “Most Spirit-filled Christians don’t receive from Me (even though they know how) because their faith doesn’t possess patience” and that very day He referred me to Hebrews 6:12—it’s “through faith and patience that we inherit the promises.”**

**But if you build your faith and you possess the Fruit of the Spirit of patience then you can receive any promise God has for you and the stronger your faith and patience the quicker you will receive. Remember, “God watches over His Word to perform it.” (Jeremiah 1:12) And He will perform His Word for you just like He did for Blind Bartimaeus 2000 years ago if you will believe Him and act on it.**



**2 Corinthians 4:7**