

John 9:17

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.' The Pharisees turn to the man for his assessment. His answer—'He is a prophet'—represents growing understanding. He began knowing Jesus as 'a man' (verse 11); now he recognizes prophetic authority. By chapter's end, he will worship Jesus as Lord (verse 38). Faith grows through experience and reflection.

Historical Context

The progression from 'a man called Jesus' to 'a prophet' to 'Lord' shows developing faith. The man didn't immediately understand fully. His perception deepened through the controversy. Growth in understanding is normal; full comprehension isn't required for genuine faith.

Related Passages

1 John 4:8 — God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Study Questions

1. How does this man's growing understanding model faith development?

2. What is the relationship between experience and growing conviction about Christ?

Interlinear Text

λέγεις	τῷ	τυφλῷ	πάλιν	σὺ	Τί	λέγεις	περὶ
They say	G3588	unto the blind man	again	thou	What	They say	of
G3004		G5185	G3825	G4771	G5101	G3004	G4012
αὐτοῦ	ὅτι	ἤνοιξεν	σου	τοὺς	ὀφθαλμούς	ὁ	δὲ
him	that	he hath opened	thine	G3588	eyes	G3588	G1161
G846	G3754	G455	G4675		G3788		
εἶπεν	ὅτι	Προφήτης	ἐστίν				
He said	that	a prophet	He is				
G2036	G3754	G4396	G2076				

Additional Cross-References

John 4:19 (Prophecy): The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

John 6:14 (Prophecy): Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.