

# John 9:20

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind:

## Analysis

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The parents carefully confirm what they know personally: this is their son, born blind. Their caution reflects fear of excommunication (v. 22). They give minimal testimony, refusing to explain the healing. Fear of man proves a snare (Prov 29:25), preventing full witness. Yet even their limited testimony confirms the miracle's reality.

## Historical Context

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Parental testimony established identity and birth condition, making the miracle harder to deny. Their confirmation that he was born blind eliminated possibility of partial sight or mistaken identity.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does fear of consequences limit your witness?
2. When is it wise to be cautious versus when does caution become cowardice?
3. What does this teach about balancing wisdom and boldness in testimony?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀπεκρίθησαν αὐτοῦ οἱ γονεῖς αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπον,  
**answered** **His** <sup>G3588</sup> **parents** **His** **and** **said**  
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Οἶδαμεν ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ υἱὸς ἡμῶν καὶ ὅτι  
**We know** **that** **this** **is** <sup>G3588</sup> **son** **our** **and** **that**  
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τυφλὸς ἐγεννήθη·  
**blind** **he was born**  
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