

John 9:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.

Analysis

'Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner.' The phrase 'Give God the praise' demands truthful testimony while simultaneously telling him what conclusion to reach. They 'know' Jesus is a sinner—predetermined conclusion seeking confirmation. Religious authority attempts to override personal experience with institutional verdict.

Historical Context

'Give God the praise' was a formula used when requiring honest testimony (Joshua 7:19). Yet they're dictating the answer while demanding honesty. This contradiction exposes their bad faith. They want the man to deny his experience to support their conclusion.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How do authorities sometimes demand 'truth' while dictating the conclusion?
2. What pressure do Christians face to conform their testimony to acceptable conclusions?

Interlinear Text

Ἐφώνησαν οὖν ἐκ δευτέρου τὸν ἄνθρωπος ὃς ἦν
called they **Then** ^{G1537} **again** ^{G3588} **man** **that** **was**
G5455 G3767 G1208 G444 G3739 G2258

τυφλὸς καὶ εἶπον αὐτῷ Δὸς δόξαν τῷ θεῷ· ἡμεῖς
blind **and** **said** **unto him** **Give** **the praise** ^{G3588} **God** **we**
G5185 G2532 G2036 G846 G1325 G1391 G2316 G2249

οἶδαμεν ὅτι ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος ἁμαρτωλὸς ἐστίν
know **that** ^{G3588} **man** **this** **a sinner** **is**
G1492 G3754 G444 G3778 G268 G2076

Additional Cross-References

John 9:16 (Resurrection): Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them.

Joshua 7:19 (References God): And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me.

John 19:6 (Parallel theme): When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.