

# John 9:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

## Analysis

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'Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.' The man uses their own theology against them. They taught that God doesn't answer sinners' prayers. Therefore, if Jesus performed this miracle, He must be righteous. The man's logic is devastating: either reject your theology or accept Jesus' righteousness. They choose neither.

## Historical Context

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The principle that God hears the righteous and rejects sinners appears in the Old Testament (Psalm 66:18, Proverbs 15:29). The man applies this to Jesus' miraculous work. If the miracle is real, Jesus must be righteous. They can't have it both ways.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does the man use the Pharisees' own theology to defend Jesus?
2. What logical conclusion does the miracle require about Jesus' character?

## Interlinear Text

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οἶδμεν	δὲ	ὅτι	ἁμαρτωλῶν	ὁ	θεὸς	οὐκ	ἀκούει	ἀλλ'
<b>we know</b>	<b>Now</b>	<b>that</b>	<b>sinner</b>	G3588	<b>God</b>	<b>not</b>	<b>he heareth</b>	<b>but</b>
G1492	G1161	G3754	G268		G2316	G3756	G191	G235
ἐάν	τις	θεοσεβῆς	ἦ	καὶ	τὸ	θέλημα	αὐτοῦ	
<b>if</b>	<b>any man</b>	<b>a worshipper of God</b>	<b>be</b>	<b>and</b>	G3588	<b>will</b>	<b>his</b>	
G1437	G5100	G2318	G5600	G2532		G2307	G846	
ποιῇ	τούτου	ἀκούει						
<b>doeth</b>	<b>him</b>	<b>he heareth</b>						
G4160	G5127	G191						

## Additional Cross-References

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**Proverbs 15:29** (Parallel theme): The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

**Isaiah 1:15** (Parallel theme): And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

**Proverbs 28:9** (Parallel theme): He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

**Micah 3:4** (Parallel theme): Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.

**Psalms 145:19** (Parallel theme): He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

**Zechariah 7:13** (Parallel theme): Therefore it is come to pass, that as he cried, and they would not hear; so they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

**Proverbs 21:13** (Parallel theme): Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

**Jeremiah 14:12** (Parallel theme): When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.

**John 15:16** (Parallel theme): Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

**Ezekiel 8:18** (Parallel theme): Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.