

Luke 18:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

Analysis

And immediately he received his sight (καὶ παραχρῆμα ἀνέβλεψεν, kai parachrēma aneblepsen)—Parachrēma (immediately, instantly, on the spot) emphasizes the miracle's instantaneous nature. The aorist tense aneblepsen (he saw) denotes completed action: darkness to sight in a moment. No gradual adjustment, no recovery period—immediate, total restoration demonstrating divine power over creation.

And followed him, glorifying God (καὶ ἠκολούθει αὐτῷ δοξάζων τὸν θεόν, kai ēkolouthei autō doxazōn ton theon)—the imperfect tense ēkolouthei (he was following) suggests continuous action. Akoloutheō is discipleship language; he becomes a follower, not just a healed spectator. Doxazō (to glorify, praise) in present participle form shows ongoing worship accompanying his following. **And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God** (καὶ πᾶς ὁ λαὸς ἰδὼν ἔδωκεν αἶνον τῷ θεῷ, kai pas ho laos idōn edōken ainon tō theō)—the healing becomes public testimony, turning the rebuking crowd into a praising congregation. Luke brackets his Gospel with temple worship (1:9) and ends with disciples 'continually in the temple, praising and blessing God' (24:53).

Historical Context

This miracle occurs just before Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem (19:28-40). The healed man likely joined the Palm Sunday crowd crying 'Blessed is the King

that cometh in the name of the Lord!' (19:38). His physical and spiritual sight prepared him to recognize Messiah's kingship, while Jerusalem's leaders remained blind despite seeing.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. How does the progression from begging to following to glorifying model the Christian life's trajectory?
2. What does the crowd's shift from rebuking to praising teach about how God's work changes communities, not just individuals?
3. How should every experience of God's mercy lead naturally to both discipleship (following) and worship (glorifying)?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	παραχρῆμα	ἀνέβλεψεν	καὶ	ἠκολούθει	αὐτῷ
And	immediately	he received his sight	And	followed	him
G2532	G3916	G308	G2532	G190	G846

δοξάζων	τὸν	θεῶ	καὶ	πᾶς	ὁ	λαὸς	ἰδὼν
glorifying		God	And	all		the people	when they saw
G1392	G3588	G2316	G2532	G3956	G3588	G2992	G1492

ἔδωκεν	αἶνον	τῷ	θεῷ
it gave	praise		God
G1325	G136	G3588	G2316

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 146:8 (Resurrection): The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind: the LORD raiseth them that are bowed down: the LORD loveth the righteous:

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