

# Diligently Seeking God (Hebrews 11:6)

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## Scripture of the Week



### John 9:35-38

*“Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ He answered, ‘Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?’ Jesus said to him, ‘You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.’ And he said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshiped Him.”*

The ninth chapter of the book of John is dedicated to the story of a blind man to whom Jesus gave the gift of sight. In chapter eight Jesus called himself “the Light of the World.” Here in chapter nine, He not only called himself that, He proved it by delivering this man from a lifetime of darkness. This was an amazing miracle, but the ensuing transformation of this man’s life and progression of his faith were equally as astounding. If you read the entirety of this chapter you’ll see him develop from a voiceless, blind beggar into an emboldened proponent of Christ, who spoke with flawless logic. In doing so he reduced the hypocritical religious leaders of the day to hurling insults and making threats. When the Pharisees accused Jesus of being

a sinner for healing on the Sabbath day, the once-blind man showed them the absurdity of their argument by pointing out that God does not hear sinners, and that Jesus could do nothing so miraculous unless God was with Him (verses 29-33). He could clearly see the truth that the Pharisees were blind to, and his boldness grew in proportion to his burgeoning faith. He initially referred to Jesus as a man (verse 11), but later came to reason that He must be a prophet (verse 17). By chapter’s end He recognized Jesus as “Lord” and he appropriately offered Him the worship due to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. When you come to see Jesus for who He truly is, He can shape you into someone you never thought you’d be!

## Loving Jesus Year Round

It is the time of year when many people’s thoughts turn to Jesus—even people who give Him little or no consideration during the other eleven plus months. Even the otherwise worldly media pay homage to Jesus by playing joyful songs on the radio that celebrate His birth, and heart-warming movies on the television that tell of His life. I must admit that I do enjoy this time of year. I like the expressions of warmth and kindness given by friends and strangers alike as they extend “season’s greetings” to one and all. But kindness to others and thoughts of Jesus should not be relegated to any one particular season of the year. If we truly love the Savior and if we really care about His

mission, He should own our thoughts and hearts from January 1st to December 31st. What if God thought about the world the way the world thinks about Him? If we only popped into His mind for a few weeks a year and He then went about His business the rest of the time like we didn’t exist, we would have no hope of goodness in this life or in the afterlife. But thanks be to God that His love for mankind knows no season. In the most famous passage in the Bible we read “*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life*” (John 3:16). At this time of year, most of the world focuses on the fact THAT Jesus came.

We must be careful to never lose sight of the reason WHY Jesus came. God loved you and me so much that He sent His beloved Son into the world to die for us. That cuddly little baby Jesus that lay in that manger wrapped in swaddling clothes, grew up and fulfilled the mission His Father sent Him here for. He lived a sinless life, taught truth to the world, suffered at the hands of His own creation and died so that we can live with Him forever. He gave His life for us so we must give our lives wholly to Him if we really love Him. Jesus himself said in John 14:15, “*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*” Do you really love Jesus? To love Him is serve and obey Him twelve months out of the year.