

John 9:39 and John 12:47 seem to contradict each other. Do they?

John 9:39a¹ is about spiritual sight being given to those who ask. John 12:44-50² is about the promise that accepting Christ is accepting the Father and this leads to everlasting life. There is no contradiction.

Some have physical eyes; but, they are spiritually blind. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day." Jn 6:44. One should humble himself before God to insure His presence (Is 57:15). James said, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." Jas 4:8.

The Pharisees thought they had spiritual sight; but, they were blind. Today, followers of the harlot religion (organized false religion) think that they can see; but, they are told by the Lord that they are: wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked.³

Men unfortunately turn from their God-given conscience (He 10:22). They are asked to return to Christ (1 Sa 7:3). A clear conscience is necessary for access to God (He 10:21, 22).

It is important for one to respond when in the presence of the Savior. One should avail himself of God's love while he can see (2 Co 6:2). There will come a time when his blindness is set (Mt 6:23, Ro 1:26-29, 2 Thess 2:11).

Spiritual sight is perverted by disobedience (1 Jn 2:11); but, it is perfected by continued faith in the Lord (Jn 11:37; Eph 1:15-19).

Jesus is the light of the world (Jn 8:12). He can make even the blind see (Is 42:7, 16).

¹ And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind (Jn 9:39).

² Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak (Jn 12:44-50).

³ 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked (Re 3:17).