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John 9:25



Highlights

1. The saving Triad
2. Other positive examples
3. In the absence of one or more
4. Defending ourselves against deception



I. The Saving Triad ⁽¹⁾

- The attack against Christ and the developing insight of the man born blind:

“This Man is not from God,
because He does not keep the
Sabbath.” *John 9:16*



I. The Saving Triad ⁽²⁾

- The man born blind defended himself by resorting to the saving Triad:

1. **Knowledge:** “Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was *born blind*.”

John 9:32



I. The Saving Triad ⁽³⁾

2. **Reason:** “Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him”

John 9:31



I. The Saving Triad (4)

3. **Experience:** “One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see.”

John 9:25



II. Other positive Examples ⁽¹⁾

1. The Samaritan Woman:

- Her knowledge about the Messiah:
“I know that Messiah is coming”
(who is called Christ). When He
comes, He will tell us all things.”

John 4:25



II. Other positive Examples (2)

- Her reasoning and her experience: “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” *John 4:29*



II. Other positive Examples ⁽³⁾

2. The disciples on the road to Emmaus:

- Expanding their knowledge:
“And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself” *Luke 24:27*



II. Other positive Examples (4)

- Appealing to the reason:
“Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” *Luke 24:26*



II. Other positive Examples (5)

- Their experience:

“Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?” *Luke 24:32*



III. In the absence of one or more ⁽¹⁾

- Absence of the right knowledge:
The deceit of Jeroboam: “Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, ‘It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!’”

1 Kings 12:28



III. In the absence of one or more ⁽²⁾

- Absence of the good reason: The deceit of Samson:

“And Samson said to his father,
‘Get her for me, for she pleases
me well’” *Judges 14:3*



III. In the absence of one or more ⁽³⁾

- Forgetting the good experience:
The fall of the Israelites in the wilderness: “Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness” *Numbers 16:13*



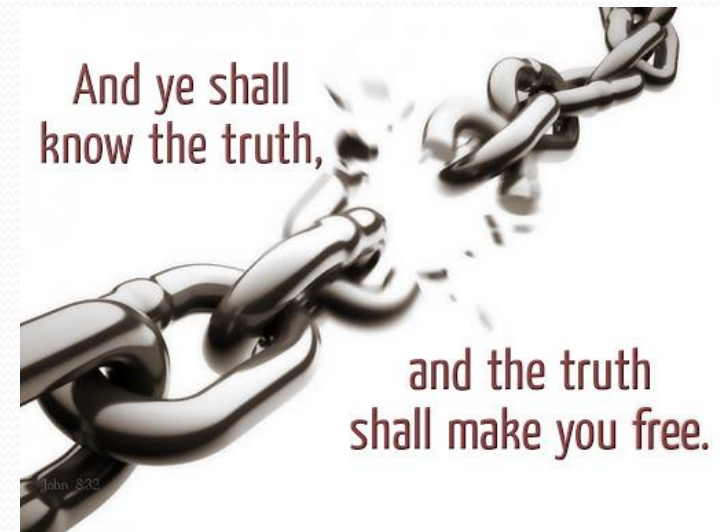
III. In the absence of one or more (4)

- The Loss of the three of them:
The deceit at the garden of Eden
“You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” *Genesis 3:4-5*



IV. Defending ourselves against deception ⁽¹⁾

1. The right knowledge is the way to freedom: “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” *John 8:32*
2. The spiritual practices: know, understand, and taste them



IV. Defending ourselves against deception ⁽²⁾

3. Remember the goodness of God and the Church who serve your salvation
4. Examine the source of the information, debate the reason from the Biblical perspective, and recall the experience of yourself and others with God

