

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

(John 9)

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD OFFERS SIGHT TO THE WORLD

- **The CONDITION of spiritual blindness**

- Its characteristics (blind man, Pharisees)

- Its consequences

- **The CURE for spiritual blindness**

- It's a person

- It's a process

- **Response: *Be Thou My Vision***

BE THOU MY VISION

Words: Dallán Forgaill, sixth century Irish poet; John Rutter

Music: John Rutter, British composer

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
 Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art
 Be thou my best thought in the day and the night
 Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word
 Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord
 Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son
 Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight
 Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might
 Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower
 O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
 Be thou mine inheritance now and always
 Be thou and thou only the first in my heart
 O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun
 O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won
 Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall
 Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all
 Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all, O Ruler of all