

First Baptist Church of Hampton
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Sermon Outline Closed Notes:

Sermon Scripture: John 9:1 – 3; 35 – 38 (GNT)

Message Title: The Same God!

Current/Scripture Context:

- At the core of our being, we must **believe** that GOD is present in **human** affairs and seeks to bring something **redemptive** and **reviving** out of every **situation**.
- But ours is a **world** and **culture** that have readily identified **money** and **power** as the criterion of **success**.
- Yes, we have some faith in God, but we **struggle** to really believe that the God of the **Bible**; the God of **History** is still the same **today**!
- Even though the world **standard** often leaves little room for God's **active** participation in the internal and external fabric of our lives, the truth is that God has **personal**, hands-on experience with the human condition.
- God still has the **power** to alter **people**, nations, and **nature**!
- In the text, the religious leaders had left no room in their **hearts** or lives for God to move in ways that were not consistent with their **personal** beliefs...they had become closed **minded** and **bound**.
 - **Status** was more important than **Salvation**; **power** more critical than **peace**;
and **rules** more crucial than **redemption**!
- Jesus comes in to offer a **revolutionary religion** rooted in an ancient principle that God is still in control!

Relevant Question:

- How does God reveal to us that He is still the same yesterday, today, and forevermore?

Sermon Observations:

1. God does things that **accentuate** His **grace**!
2. God does things that **accelerate** our **growth**!
3. God does things that should **activate** your **gratefulness**!

Calvary Connection:

- I owe God **twice**! At the cross, I found **redemption**; at the cross, I found **healing**...on Friday, I found **mercy**; on Friday, I found **peace**...I owe Him for Good Friday...but I also owe Him because **early** on Sunday morning He got up! I owe Him because He gave me **Holy Ghost** power!

Personal Reflection: How does your life show your gratefulness to God?